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## 2014 Festival at a glance



Over 4,500 tribal members and their guests attended this year's Festival.

More than 4,500 Citizen Potawatomi and their invited guests attended this year's Family Reunion Festival at the Tribal grounds in between Shawnee and Tecumseh, Okla.

2,575 tribal members from across the U.S. made treks to return to the tribe's home. Along with them, 2,091 guests travelled to the annual festival. In addition to filling the Tribal powwow grounds and other facilities throughout the three day event, Citizen Potawatomi from outside of the immediate area also provide a substantial economic impact to the local communities through retail, grocery and hotel stays.

At this year's General Council, Kelly Harper of Tampa, Fla. was recognized as the guest who traveled farthest. George Hamilton, a WWII fighter pilot and stalwart of the CPN Veteran's Organization was the meeting's wisest member. Also recognized, though occasionally nodding off for a well-deserved nap, was the meeting's youngest attendee, Luke LeClaire.

In the Hand Games competition, the District 1 Braves took the title, while female and male dance competitions were captured by Catherine Howell and Samuel James respectively.



Wisest at General Council, George Hamilton, and youngest, Luke LeClaire, accompanied by his father Daniel.



Arena Director Coby Lehman starts Grand Entry.

## Johnson and Carney win elections; Braugh re-appointed to Supreme Court

Offices for Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Legislative Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 were all on the ballot during the 2014 election season, though only incumbents Dave Carney (District 8) and Mark Johnson (District 7) drew challengers. In District 7, first time candidate Michael Bourbonnais of Fresno, Calif. ran while Vancouver, Wash.'s Clyde Slavin again challenged for the District 8 seat.

When the votes were tallied, both incumbents emerged victorious.

District 7's Johnson defeated Bourbonnais by a vote count of 110 to 31.

"I am truly honored and humbled by the trust and responsibility that the members of District 7 have placed on my shoulders," Johnson said after his re-election.

Bourbonnais also provided a statement.

"The campaign for Potawatomi people does not end here. I will continue daily prayers and work for our people to pick up things left behind or discarded, to strengthen our government and services, and to represent Potawatomi in a good way that our ancestors and future generations will approve. Neta nwi dadaske se gi Bemadsejek minegiKekyajekemikwendemyan ge winwa. Mine endotmoyan gi

Naganiek emnonaganiwat wegwendek ezhechkewat se gi Bemadsewnenan. Hau iw enajmoyan."

In District 8, incumbent Dave Carney defeated challenger Clyde Slavin 132-17.

"I'd like to thank the voters of District 8 for returning me to the Legislature," said Carney. "I promise to work hard for our district and the Nation as a whole over the next four years."

"I appreciate everyone who took the time to vote," commented Slavin. "Please support Mr. Carney in his work. I intend to continue the effort to facilitate change through constitutional revisions that will improve all Citizen Potawatomi's living standards. Equality in representation by our elected officials is needed to aid in unity and the distribution of services and finances made available through sound investments of tribal income. I am calling for a constitutional convention made up of interested members from each district to seek options to changes for every Citizen Potawatomi."

The confirmation vote of Justice Jane Braugh to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court was also on this year's ballot. Justice Braugh was re-confirmed by a vote of 1,406 to 67.



Tribal legislators and executives are sworn in by Judge Phillip Lujan at General Council.

The 2014 Citizen Potawatomi Nation's set-aside budget was also approved, with 1,299 voting for and 73 against.

Vice-Chairman Linda Capps retained her seat for another four-year term after no challengers filed ahead of the January 2014 deadline. Capps has served in Tribal leadership positions since 1990.

Incumbent Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale also filed in January to retain his seat. Trousdale drew no challengers and will be serving his fourth term as Secretary-Treasurer.

District 6 legislator Rande Payne, and District 5 Legislator Gene Lambert, also ran unopposed.

Candidates for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer must live in Oklahoma, while those seeking legislative seats must live within their respective districts. District 5 includes part of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. District 6 includes the southern portions of California and Nevada. District 7 includes the northern portions of California and Nevada. District 8 includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Only CPN members who are 18 or older as of Election Day were eligible to vote. All eligible CPN members can vote in the election for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, while only those who live within a district may vote for the legislative representative running in their respective district races. Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Candidates for the Executive positions must be at least 35 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected for at least six months on Election Day.

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2014 women's dance contest winner  
Catherine Howell.

2014 men's dance contest winner, Samuel James (Higbee).

Left: The CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard leads the way into Grand Entry



The final four teams in the Friday evening Hand Games competition.



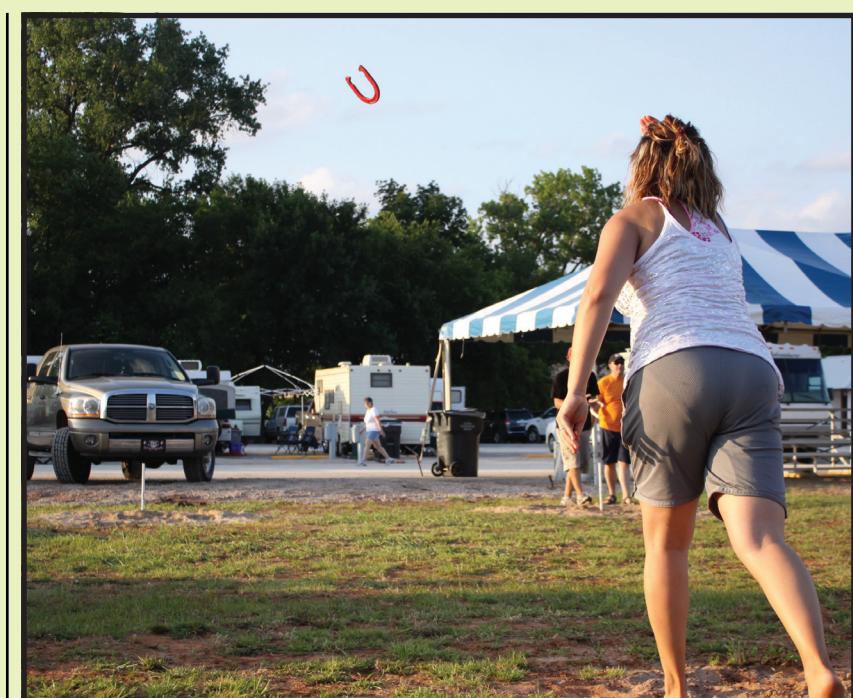
Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman John Barrett enter the Dance Arena.



Jasmine Brown (Slavin) was really this excited to be in the Hownikan.



Sabin Bruno tees off at the Night Golf Tournament.



Above: Community Resource Officer Kandi Cumbie and Christyn Williams turn on the lights at the Kid's Safety Center during Festival.



Landon Kellogg lines up a shot during the youth pool tournament.



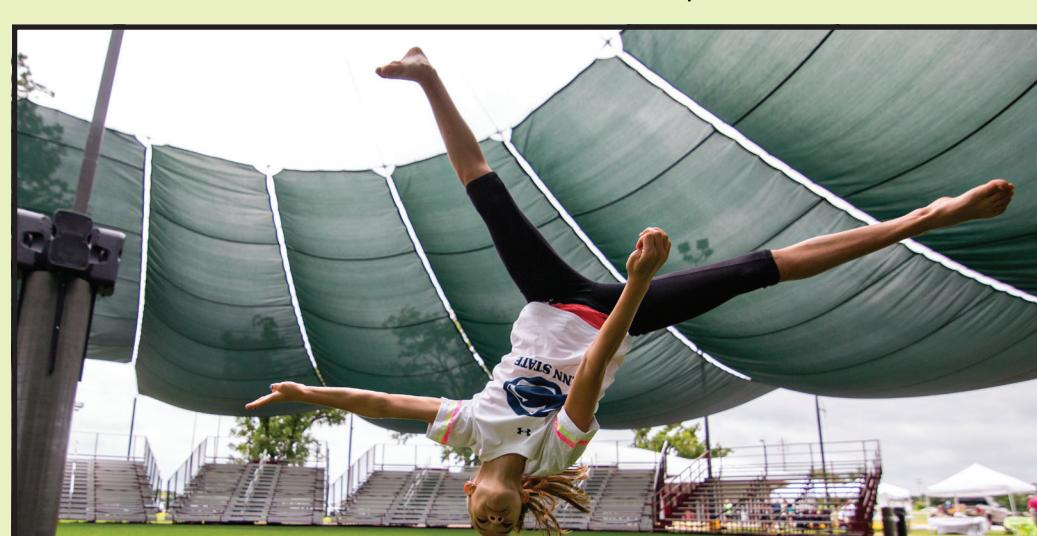
The 2014 Hand Games winners, the District One Hand Games Braves.



The 5K group got things going early Saturday morning.



Brad Peltier, who was working, was a late call-up to the softball tournament despite wearing slacks.



Jayden Nadeau shows off her dance moves ahead of the Grand Entry.

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[www.potawatomi.org/  
culture/family-reunion-  
festival](http://www.potawatomi.org/culture/family-reunion-festival)

## Wadase update: July/August 2014

By Jennifer Randell,  
Director, CPN Eagle Aviary

Wadase has spent much of the last few months exploring new territory. During the last week in May, she worked her way north following the Arkansas River until she reached the Salt Fork, then headed west to the Great Salt Plains Lake, just 7.5 miles shy of the Oklahoma border. This is her farthest trip northwest to date. As we continue to study her movements, we've learned that she can now easily travel 50 miles a day as she meanders along the river's path, hunting and exploring. She is as capable as any other eagle in the

wild, with the ability to go anywhere. It will come as little surprise when she crosses into other states and continues to explore new territory.

June was busy with preparations for the Festival. It is amazing how quickly time passes. We were honored to have members of our Pokagon Band of Potawatomi visit the aviary during the first part of June. When Chairman Barrett spoke to them about Wadase's release, we were surprised at just how many days she had been gone from the aviary. As so many of us stood out front talking about her release and progress, she must have heard her name.

On June 12, just a day after that tour, a large bird cut across the pasture and we realized it was Wadase coming in to land on the corner of the aviary. After two months and two days she was home. She spent the

majority of the afternoon in the pecan tree out front and did not eat what we had offered her. Turning down a free meal after flying more than 75 miles means that she is having absolutely no trouble catching her own meals. However, at sunrise the following morning she was ready and waiting for breakfast on top of the aviary, just as if she had never been gone. On the fourth day she ate very heavily and we suspected she might leave that afternoon as she had done before her first trip north to the Arkansas River.

As expected, we did not see her on the fifth morning. The time had come to download new telemetry data and we hoped we could learn where she had headed. To our surprise, on the fifth day, she had roosted at end of Squirrel Creek where it flows into the North Canadian River, here on the aviary property and was still within a mile of the aviary itself. She had not followed her previous routine. Late that afternoon she came in to visit the eagles. She would land high in the cottonwood out front and perch for a time before diving from her perch and circling the aviary, calling to the eagles in the enclosures as she passed by.

she leaves and stays gone for longer stretches of time, but when she returns, her path is direct and leaves no question as to where she is headed. Home.

As I write this article, we can barely see her in the distance north of the aviary, as she circles high above the river. She continues rising in the current of a thermal, drifting out of sight into the first tier of heaven to hand off the prayers she carries for us all.

*For more information or to read previous updates please go to <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.*



*Flying across the aviary pasture.*



*Over the aviary, checking out her former roommates in the enclosure.*

## Dykstra wins big

Facing two brothers in a hotly contested Shawnee City Commission election was never going to be an easy task for CPN member Michael Dykstra. Yet when the votes were counted, the response from the city's electorate showed that it was time for a change.

His 2,127 votes accounted for 57 percent of the total ballots on Election Day and helped him easily avoid a run-off election against his opponents, brothers Steve and Larry Smith.

"I'd like to thank my family. My wonderful wife, Kumiko, and children have been there for me through all of this," he said. "The volunteers and all those that

helped with the campaign, without your hard work, none of this would have been possible. Thank you to the people of Shawnee for giving me your support and confidence."

Dykstra also thanked his opponents following the final tally.

"Iron sharpens iron; the discourse on issues in this race brought to light not only the challenges facing our community, but solutions," he said. "I would like to thank my opponents Steve and Larry Smith for their ideas, for their discourse, for their desire to help this town."

Dykstra, who is currently deployed in Virginia for training required by his service in the

Army National Guard, will assume his seat on the City Commission in September 2014.

In Feb. 2014, City of Shawnee officials delivered a letter to the four Native American tribes in the city area asking that they begin paying a three percent sales tax on goods sold to non-tribal members. In an investigation into the City of Shawnee claims that sales tax revenue is down, independent audits of its finances show that tax revenue has increased each year since 1996, with the exception of the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Dykstra had expressed his skepticism with the City Commission's recent actions during the campaign.



*Michael Dykstra meets fellow incoming City Commissioner Lesa Shaw at a campaign event.*

## Tanquility Tanning Spa and Hair Salon



*Jason and Shelly Greenwalt.*

By Jessica Tucker,  
Commercial Loan Documentation  
Specialist for CPCDC

Friendly smiles and beautiful faces will greet you upon entering Tanquility Tanning Spa and Hair Salon.

Located in the shopping center at 1510 N. Kickapoo Street, Tanquility is a serene place of relaxation that provides tanning and high-quality cosmetology services. They have nine hairstylists, a variety of indoor tanning beds and a VersaSpa spray-tanning booth. Tanquility's 12

employees in the tanning salon and nine hairstylists are always there to assist customers. The store also sells a variety of tanning lotions, moisturizers, and sunless tanning products.

Open 7 days a week, Tanquility operates Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 – 6 p.m. According to owners Jason and Shelly Greenwalt, this Sunday schedule is intended to give customers and workers time to attend church.

"We are a Christian-based

business," explained Shelly. "We play Christian music, which our clients love. Our goal is to ensure everyone who walks through our door is treated with the utmost respect, so they enjoy their visit with us."

The Greenwalt's true passion is complete customer satisfaction, which is reflected in the couple's employees.

"Our staff is an incredible group of young ladies. They are friendly, kind, and will always greet you with a smile and kind word," said Shelly.

Jason admits that he is competitive with himself in business, constantly trying to beat his "old score" from last year's numbers. Revenues and customer satisfaction are important, but the Greenwalt's also want Tanquility to be a good community partner and a positive witness for everyone who comes in their salon.

The Greenwalt's have donated to several charities and events, including Witness Kicks, a Christian ministry that provides shoes to those who need them. This is their opportunity to share the gospel of salvation with others, according to Jason.

The economy has not had a major deficit to their business, like most. They've had a 60 percent "like"

increase on their Facebook page from the date of purchase to present. Since they opened in 2012, they've added the hair salon and expanded it again by four more stations. Recently, they purchased the suite next to them to add more tanning beds.

Jason has had a variety of management positions since 1993, earned his Bachelor Degree in Business Management from Oklahoma Baptist University in 2004, and is currently working on his MBA.

"I believe that experience, education and personal desire to succeed in everything I do, have contributed to my part in our success," said Jason.

Shelly has been in the hairstyling industry since 1999, as both a stylist and in management at salons. According to Jason, her experience and expertise is invaluable and has been a key to keep the business thriving.

After their daughter, Macyn, returned to daycare with Citizen Potawatomi Child Development Center in 2012, Jason and Shelly purchased Tanquility from Aaron and Melissa Capps. Melissa had returned to work with the State of Oklahoma and they could no longer spend the time needed on the store.

Jason discussed the situation over lunch with Aaron, and Jason says, "this was the perfect opportunity at the perfect time (to purchase the business) that we believe God brought our way."

Of course, he had to speak to Shelly and get financing in order, but eventually they would purchase Tanquility from the Capps after a previous deal with another buyer fell through.

Jason works for Citizen Potawatomi Nation and knew about CPCDC. According to him that was the first place he thought of going.

"They helped us secure funding, advised us on setting up the LLC paperwork through state and federal governments and all the other necessary paperwork," said Jason.

More than a year into the investment, Tanquility is still going strong.

*The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is a Native American lender for small businesses. If you would like to inquire about loans to help build your business like Tanquility, please call us today at 405-878-4697 or visit our website at [www.cpcdc.org](http://www.cpcdc.org).*

## FireLake Discount Food's Kay Bruce reflects on 25 years in the grocery business

Of the numerous enterprises operated by tribes, a grocery store isn't typically thought of as the most polarizing. Yet despite continuing disagreements between the City Commission of Shawnee, Okla. and local Indian tribes over the issue of grocery sales taxes, employees like Kay Bruce move along with their daily duties.

Employed by Citizen Potawatomi Nation for more than a decade, Bruce is the Customer Care Manager for FireLake Discount Foods, one of two CPN-owned grocery stores in Pottawatomie County.

Originally from Quinton, Okla., Kay Bruce has been in the grocery business for just over 25 years, having previously worked at longtime Shawnee grocer, Pratt's, before it closed in the early 2000s.

"At the time, I knew some people that I had worked with who were at FireLake," recalled Bruce. "I had heard good things about the

store, that it was a friendly place, and that it was customer-oriented. I wanted to be part of a grocery company like that."

Bruce's duties as customer care manager include a catch-all for staff and customer needs. She is responsible for the operations of cashiers and sackers at the front end of the store. Never in one place for long, Bruce can often be found walking up and down the cashiers' lanes at FireLake Discount Foods, speaking with customers, managers and employees.

"We're there to solve any problems that may arise," she explained. "It goes without saying, but we're there for our customers at any given moment, for whatever they need."

Though the position's fluidity means it is hard to define a normal, day-to-day set of actions, there is strategy behind Bruce's role.

"The key is, you have to get to know your employees. I oversee



*Kay Bruce.*

70 employees and 7 supervisors, and each is their own individual with a different personality. Getting everyone working together as a team is a good thing, for the store and our customers."

Those employees and customers are Bruce's primary focus, which impacts the store's success. FireLake Discount Foods' success has drawn the attention of local politicians in the City of Shawnee, who are threatening the Tribe with litigation. Yet Tribal employees

like Bruce tend to focus on day-to-day customer service rather than politics.

"How we treat our customers may determine if they come back or not," she explained. "We can have the biggest, cleanest and most well-stocked store, with the best prices, but it's all about the way we treat our customers that decides where they want to shop. At FireLake Discount Foods, you're family."

Looking back at her time working in the grocery business, Bruce is like many FireLake Discount Food staff members who laud the merits of working in the sector.

"FireLake is a great place to start young people who have no work experience," said Bruce. "When they leave or grow with the company it helps them later in life. Workplaces like FireLake are great, because it is a place where you can learn, grow, and excel in life no matter what road you take."

## Amanda Chapman, House of Hope Program, work to make communities safer

The CPN House of Hope offers free community assistance programs in and around the tribal jurisdiction that focus on child abuse and domestic violence. One of the many House of Hope employees, Amanda Chapman, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator, works to restore the lives and dignity of those they serve.

Growing up with educators as parents, Chapman was raised to help and educate others. She previously worked for the Family Resource Center in Seminole as a child advocate.

"I provided services for children exposed to domestic violence. I worked with residential and non-residential clients, traveled to schools within the county and facilitated the Safe Dates program," said Chapman. "During the summer I facilitated the agency's 'Making a Difference Camp' for children who were at risk and exposed to violence."

Because of her hard work ethic and passion for helping others, she received the 2011 Kid First Coalition Child Advocate of the Year award for Seminole County.

The Shawnee resident has been with the Tribe for three years. Since being at House of Hope, Chapman has introduced several programs. Two of those programs are the CPN eight-week "Family Violence Parenting Program" and the "Start Talking: Love is Respect" program.

"We get a lot of hard stories here. Statistics say that it takes individuals seven times to eventually leave the bad situations they can be in," explained Chapman. "[Our goal] here at the House of Hope, and our program specifically, is to show people who find themselves in these situations that there is hope and there is help. We provide services that raise awareness and educate our community that domestic



*Amanda Chapman.*

violence is an occurring problem and we are here to prevent it."

Chapman added, "We encourage anyone who knows or is involved in domestic violence, child abuse or situations related to these to contact us. This service is for any and everyone."

While she works out of an office, Chapman's responsibilities are far from a normal nine-to-five.

"There isn't a typical day here," said Chapman. "This job is extremely important because of the statistics the surrounding counties have in terms of domestic violence and child abuse. Both have high numbers in everything we deal with, and we continue to have a steady flow of victims who seek our assistance."

With five kids from early elementary to high school, Chapman finds her passion away from work in her children and spending time with family. A typical weekend can be watching one of her many kids playing soccer.

Tiffany Barrett, CPN's House of Hope Director, works with Chapman on a day-to-day basis.

"Amanda exemplifies what a CPN employee should be," said Barrett. "She is hard working and determined to get our message out. She is respected by our community, as well as her coworkers. She continues to be a valuable asset to the House of Hope."

Though the circumstances and situations Chapman and her coworkers deal with are stressful, their motivation in serving those in need is greater than the challenges they face.

"Helping people is my passion. Knowing that I can help at least one person is a reward that I achieve here daily."

The CPN House of Hope encourages anyone needing someone to talk to, encouragement, or shelter from abuse or the like to contact them immediately. Contact information can be sought on their website at [www.potawatomi.org/services/community/domestic-violence-program](http://www.potawatomi.org/services/community/domestic-violence-program).

## House of Hope awards Bethel students for art contest

House of Hope Prevention Coordinator, Amanda Chapman, makes sure that the CPN domestic violence program is being brought forth to the community. One way Chapman raises awareness for the program is through a once a semester lecture on student dating violence to teens at Bethel High School. Chapman educates teens about dating violence through the "Start Talking: Love is Respect" program.

"Someone has to be the voice to take a stand to these issues," explained Chapman. "This program allows us to reach out to the community and local schools to provide education about healthy relationships and the effects of dating violence."

The House of Hope is in its second year of hosting the class on student dating violence at Bethel High School. To get students more involved, House of Hope sponsored an art contest focusing on domestic violence. Two winners received gifts compliments of the House of Hope and FireLake Bowling Center.

Marissa Roberts, a freshman at Bethel High School, was one of

the contestant winners. Her piece was selected because of the positive message and its creativity.

"For me it was a great learning experience," said Roberts. "I did a lot of research for the poster and learned what to look out for in relationships."

The other contest winner was Katie O'Leary, also a freshman at Bethel High School.

"I'm happy that I was able to participate in this contest," said O'Leary. "I hope my photo helps with the awareness of teen dating violence."

Freshman Health Instructor at Bethel High School, Jennifer Lynch added, "I am excited that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides the "Start Talking: Love is Respect" program." Amanda does a really great job with the students and my class learns so many red flags to watch for in their relationships."

For more information on the House of Hope, refer to their Facebook page at Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Violence Program or contact them at 405-275-3176.



*Katie O'Leary, Jennifer Lynch, Amanda Chapman, and Marissa Roberts.*



## Language with Justin

By Justin Neely, Director, CPN Language Department.

We had another good turnout for our scavenger hunt this summer at Festival. For those who haven't participated, we translated 15 questions into Potawatomi and then folks had to write the answer in either English or Potawatomi. We had some great prizes and we were able to break the prizes into three tiers.

The winners of the top tier, those who got 11-15 correct answers, were Chad Canterbury, Zshaynelle Lee and Serena Neely. The winners of the second tier, (6-10 correct answers) were Reva Wolf, Jennifer Clark and Esther Aldison. Finally the winners of the third tier were Elexa Dawson, Hyale Smith and Sheila Kelly who answered 1-5 of the questions correct. Some of our online students were even able to participate and answer some of

the questions. The Language Department staff taught four classes during Festival: two beginner classes, one children's class and a conversational class. We also participated in drumming for hand games for the second year in a row.

We are preparing for the upcoming Potawatomi Gathering and Language conference August 4-10 in Bradley, Mich. which is being hosted by the GunLake Potawatomi. This year, both master teacher Randy Schlachtun and I will be presenting at the conference. If you can make it we highly recommend it.

Below is my column written in Potawatomi for all who would like to practice more. And don't forget that to learn more about our language department, just go to [www.potawatomi.org/lang](http://www.potawatomi.org/lang).

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Manek bmadzejek egi chikademwat "scavenger hunt" zhenkade ode nibek Shishibani mawjeshnowen. Cho gishpen ggi-chikadasim egi yankenotageyak mdatso shech nyanen najdownen Bodéwadmimwen mine bmadzejek ga nebyegewat Chemokmanmwen anake Bodéwadmien ga wawijewat. Kyetnam mingswnen ga toyak mine ga pkenagewat nso bkan "levels" zhenkade.

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Randy and Justin lead the Potawatomi language circle at Festival 2014.

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Bozho,

The month of June was a busy one for the CPN Veterans Organization. We had our Color Guard presenting the colors at several functions, including this year's festival. U.S. Flags Retirement Ceremony on Friday. My favorite was our special guest at our festival veterans' table this year, Robert Sander, author of the book, "The Invasion of Laos, 1971." It is a very interesting read. I hope everyone got to meet him and visit with CPN Veterans Organization members. We enjoy sharing war stories of our military experiences.

The month of June was extra special for our country this year for honoring and remembering the servicemen and women who participated in the Normandy invasion D-Day during World War II. If you saw any

of the TV specials that covered what these soldiers went through on that day you can appreciate the courage and caliber of young men and women who made that historical event possible. Try hard to picture yourself in their place and see if you can get some small sense of what it took to do their duty at any cost. A cost that is well illustrated by the thousands of white crosses that mark the price that some of them paid. Migwetch!

The CPN Veterans Organization is still working to complete our plan to honor and remember the CPN men and women who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War Era (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975) with a Vietnam War Era Veteran's Banquet.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tues. at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

Migwetch!  
Daryl Talbot

## CPN Child Development Center students place at Native American language contest

Under the guidance of CPN's Language Department, students from the Child Development Center maintained their well-earned reputation at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair this year. Held at the Sam Noble Museum of history, on campus of the University of Oklahoma, Potawatomi language students from the CDC took two team awards home.

Led by Potawatomi language instructor Randy Schlachtun, 20 students aged three to four years old competed in their division against different tribes like the Cherokee, Chickasaws, Choctaw and Osage. The group won third place for their live performance, which had the CPN students describing, in Potawatomi, what they wanted to do when they become adults. The same group also won third place in the same category in 2013.

A separate CPN after school group created and submitted a video in the film competition for third-to-fifth grade category. Due to a

clerical mix up, the CPN students' film was accidentally placed in the sixth-to-eighth grade competition instead. "Even that couldn't stop us and we took second place in the sixth-to-eighth grade competition," proclaimed Schlachtun.

The video, titled "Ndedabyan," (Lowrider) was a remake of the 1970s song "Lowrider" by the band War. The video can be viewed online by going to the YouTube page of PotawatomiHeritage.

Schlachtun is proud of his students accomplishments over the past two years in language competitions where they have tallied one first place trophy, two second places and a third place finish. The Navarre-family descendant says that his next goal is to get a trophy case to display his students' former and future silverware.

If you would like to know more about opportunities to learn Potawatomi, please visit [www.potawatomi.org/lang](http://www.potawatomi.org/lang).



The bronze medalists.

## ATTENTION CPN VETERANS FROM THE VIETNAM ERA

The CPN Veterans Organization is seeking members of the armed forces who served from

**August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975**

in preparation of organizing a Vietnam Era Veterans' Banquet.

In future editions of the *Hownikan* a list of all members will be published. If you fit the criteria but do not see your name, please contact Blake Norton ([bnorton@potawatomi.org](mailto:bnorton@potawatomi.org)) at the

CPN Cultural Heritage Center (405-878-5830).

If you have any questions and would like to speak to a representative from the CPN Veterans Organization,

please send inquiries to Commander Daryl Talbot ([talbotok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:talbotok@sbcglobal.net)) or CPN Legislator David Barrett ([dbarrett@potawatomi.org](mailto:dbarrett@potawatomi.org)).



## New Arrivals!

**Beaded Game Hats**  
(various team logos)

**Beaded Moccasins**

**Painted Tote Bags**  
(pick your design)





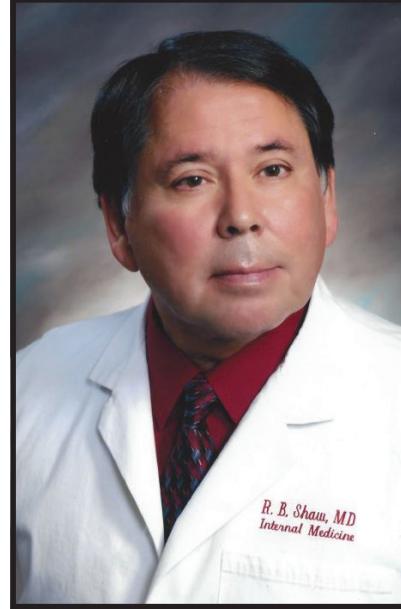


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## The facts about contraception

By Dr. Ron Shaw,  
Medical Director of the Citizen  
Potawatomi Nation



Dr. Ron Shaw.

Contraception, also known as birth control or family planning, refers to a method, medication or device that a person uses to avoid unintended pregnancy. This article will provide an overview of some of the most frequently used methods for contraception, ranging from education to prescriptions or placement of birth control devices. All are services provided to our patients at the CPN Health Services Clinics. Spiritual beliefs regarding the use of these methods, or the question of when life begins, is beyond the scope of this article.

One study of national pregnancy rates in the U.S. showed that five percent of women of reproductive age had an unintended pregnancy. That equals approximately 3.2 million pregnancies that occurred despite some form of birth control. 43 percent of these unintended pregnancies were terminated. No method of contraception is perfect and each woman must balance the advantages and disadvantages of each method and choose the one she is most comfortable with and will be most reliable in using.

Many birth control methods provide medical benefits other than the prevention of pregnancy. These benefits include the treatment of acne or improvement

in painful or irregular menstrual periods. Condoms, when used properly, also prevent sexually transmitted disease such as gonorrhea or chlamydia, and are available without charge at the CPN clinics.

The effectiveness of a birth control measure is highly dependent on its proper use. There is a large difference between the expected protection against pregnancy with typical use (missed pills or late shots) and that with perfect use (no missed pills or shots at all). Erratic or improper use will result in an increased rate of pregnancy despite the "use" of birth control. The more acceptable a method is to the patient, the more reliable the method will be over time.

Among couples attempting to avoid pregnancy, the percentage who continue to use a particular method for one year is approximately:

- Under the skin hormonal implant: 84 percent (available at CPNHS) — possible side effects include blood clots or high blood pressure
- Hormone releasing IUD: 80 percent (available at CPNHS) — possible blood clots or high blood pressure
- Copper-containing IUD: 78 percent
- Ring, patch or the pill: 67 percent (all available at CPNHS) — may have side effects including blood clots or high blood pressure
- Diaphragm: 57 percent
- Depo-Provera: 56 percent (injection every 3 mos.; available at CPNHS)
- Fertility awareness based methods: 47 percent
- Male condom: 43 percent (available at CPN pharmacy but currently requires a prescription)
- Female condom: 41 percent

In general, contraceptives can be placed in one of three categories

- Most effective: Long-acting contraceptives have best results, and include a hormonal implant, or hormonal IUD placed within the uterus, both placed by a trained provider. These measures may last 3-5 years and are reversible. Fertility usually

returns promptly after removal.

- Effective: Injectables, such as Depo-Provera, administered every three months, birth control pills and patches and self-placed vaginal rings.
- Least effective: Diaphragms, condoms, spermicide, withdrawal and periodic abstinence (rhythm method).

Another category of contraception includes use of the "morning after pill" marketed as "Plan B" or "One Step" which are over-the-counter and available without a prescription for any age. The cost at a local pharmacy may be up to \$50. They are not effective in women who weigh more than 170 lbs. They are available at the CPNHS clinics through the public health nurse and do not require a prescription or parental permission. Should a woman have participated in unprotected intercourse or been a victim of sexual assault and wish to avoid pregnancy, taking this medication offers substantial protection against getting pregnant but must be taken within three days, preferably within the first 24 hours following sex.

Simply walk in to the clinic and request to see the public health nurse and advise her that you wish to receive a morning after pill and they will educate you about it and what you can expect. They can also offer other referrals as needed. Were a woman to be pregnant already and not be aware of it, there will be no adverse reaction to the fetus if the medication is taken, and a pregnancy test is not required to receive the pill. If you are already pregnant, the morning after pill will have no effect on the pregnancy.

I encourage those who wish to learn more about contraception or birth control to make an appointment with one of our women's health care providers. Women over 18, do not require parental permission to receive such services and all discussions, prescriptions or procedures are kept confidential unless records are specifically requested by the parents.

## Tribal psychologist brings national training to CPN Health Services

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services, serving thousands of federally recognized tribal members, employees and their spouses prides itself on offering the best trained staff in Indian Country. This is due in large part to the continuing education of its medical professionals, who spend several days and weeks each year learning about the latest developments in their respective fields.

Dr. Glenna Stumblingbear-Riddle, the Tribe's Behavioral Health Coordinator since June 2013, is a licensed psychologist and is the latest example of this continuing training. Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle is in an ongoing, nationally-recognized training program called Project LIFT.

Project LIFT – Leadership Initiatives for Tomorrow – is designed to increase the knowledge and skills of emerging leaders serving communities in greatest need of behavioral health services. Native Americans, who are the primary patients of the Citizen Potawatomi Health Services, are one of these populations.

"Within the next few years many healthcare providers and leaders of the Baby Boomer generation will be retiring," said Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle. "Project Lift's Leadership Program is important because it offers leadership development to behavioral health professionals who work with underrepresented and underserved groups."

The leadership program is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which gives healthcare providers like Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle support and training opportunities that will enhance the services offered to patients seen in CPN's clinics.

In March, Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle travelled to Washington D.C. for a two day immersion training session. Bringing together emerging leaders in behavioral



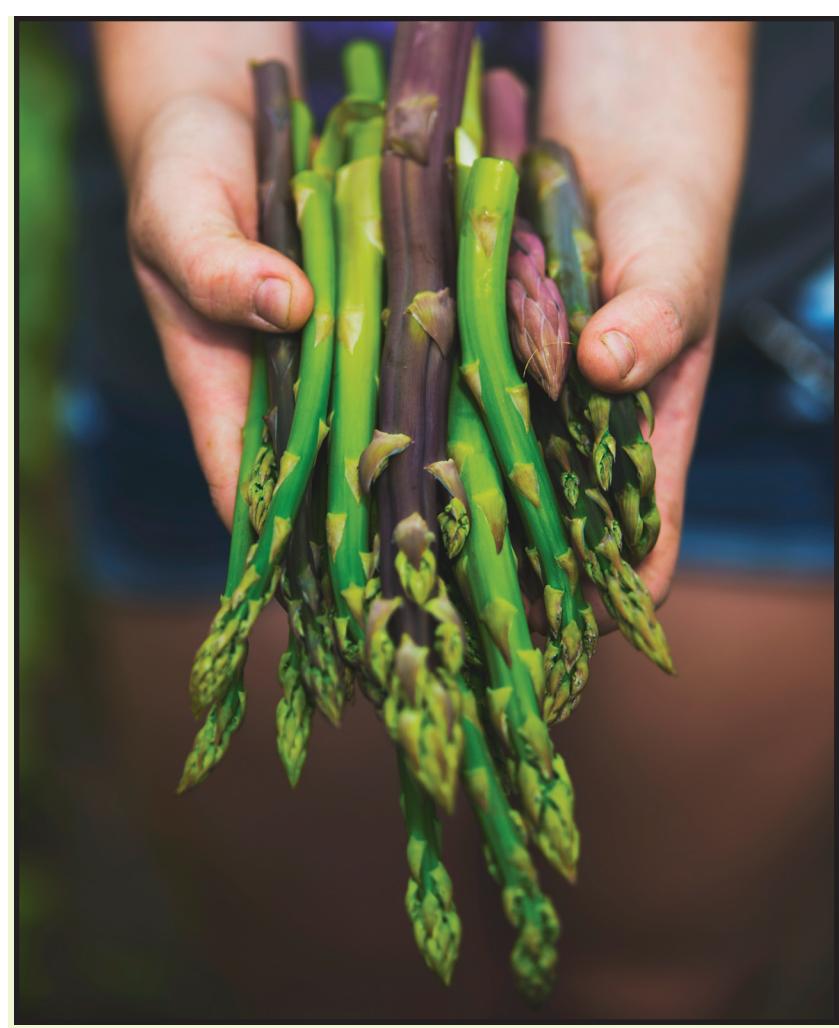
Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle.

health from across the country, the trip offered these professionals an opportunity to meet and collaborate on the challenges facing the populations they serve.

"The main benefits relate to improving patient care, staying on the cutting edge of changes and having tribal presence in behavioral health leadership roles at the national level," said Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle.

Attendees also met with and listened to other behavioral health experts from a wide range of sectors, including SAMHSA, the Association of Addiction Professionals and the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Disability Directors. This collaboration is increasingly important given the recent national overhaul of the healthcare system, which is not only impacting patients, but healthcare providers and their staffs as well.

If you would like to learn more about Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Behavioral Health Services that include individual and group counseling for behavioral health and substance use disorders, psychiatry, and smoking cessation classes, please contact the CPN Behavioral Health Services at (405) 214-5101.



Asparagus and other fresh vegetables are excellent summer snacks because they're in season.

## Healthy summer snacks

A nice snack can come in handy if you're on a hike, at the ball fields, or relaxing at your house during the long days of summer. Whether you're an adult, kid or elder, a small amount of food can mean a lot in regards to your health. Although an over-processed candy bar may make your tummy feel warm and fuzzy, it can leave you feeling sluggish.

This year, reach for something more organic, earth friendly and heart healthy. Beneficial nutrients from fruits and vegetables gives people the energy to finish that summer project or an athlete that second wind. Living a healthier lifestyle will not only benefit someone's life, it'll impact their family's as well.

For individuals with diabetes, eating healthier snacks is essential and can help reduce the need of medications.

"For diabetes control you have to keep your blood sugars more even throughout the day," explained Torie Fuller, MS RD/LD and Healthy Heart Initiative Dietitian at CPN Wellness Center. "You don't want to have huge meals; you want to have smaller, more rounded meals with two healthy snacks. Portion control is what you want to pay attention to and overeating is a complication to your health."

One idea to keep you cool this summer is to throw those fruits and vegetables in the fridge or freezer. Frozen grapes, chilled cucumber soup and salsa can be healthy and delicious options. Rainbow fruit skewers, consisting of blueberries, grapes, pineapples, oranges, and strawberries on a skewer, can be fun for kids to build while teaching them about eating healthy.

Not only is snacking on healthy

foods important, drink choices are just as essential to living a healthier lifestyle. Staying hydrated in the dead of summer is critical, and water is the best way to keep weight off while feeling great. Try adding mint or lemon zest to water to give it extra flavor. Also, drinking unsweetened tea this summer will earn brownie points in the health department.

This summer, "keep it local" and explore your neighborhood farmers market. A healthy life starts with healthy snacks.

*For more information on great recipes and ideas to live a healthier life visit [www.recipefinder.nal.usda.gov](http://www.recipefinder.nal.usda.gov) and [www.choosemyplate.gov/healthyeating](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/healthyeating).*



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[www.potawatomi.org/culture/family-reunion-festival](http://www.potawatomi.org/culture/family-reunion-festival)



## Tribal Youth in the midst of a busy summer season

By BJ Trousdale, Coordinator, FireLodge Tribal Youth Program

At Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Youth Program's P.L.A.C.E. (Potawatomi Learning and Cultural Exchange), we are consistently blessed to work with fantastic youth and a wonderful staff. But there are others in our midst who make an incredible impact on our kids! This year, our volunteers have imparted much wisdom and guidance to our youth, a gift that is imperative to achieving our goal of molding brilliant young minds. We have had the utmost honor of having two incredible volunteers in our program lending a hand towards this goal.

Jim Brenner and Tlesia Zientek have been present to give lessons and presentations to our youth on several occasions over the past school year. Our volunteers engaged our youth by speaking

about topics ranging from college readiness and time management skills to teaching both chess and ballroom dancing. Our kids loved every minute of it...even though some were a little hesitant to place their hand on a girl's hip!

While our staff diligently works to be consistent and positive role models for youth, our efforts would be wasted if the community was not invested and interested in our youth's future. As you well know, the old adage "It takes a village" still holds true. Not only do our volunteers offer their experience and wisdom, they offer something that we as a staff cannot give: the knowledge that support, interest, and time for youth from you the community as well. That is something that makes an impact past what we as staff and their families can give.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our teens, please do

not hesitate to contact Kyle Miller at [kyle.miller@potawatomi.org](mailto:kyle.miller@potawatomi.org). For additional information, applications can be found at the reception area at our facility located at 2365 Gordon Cooper Drive. Currently, we have requests from youth for additional mentors to provide tutoring services, art instruction, professional coaching, and alternative transportation options. On Thursday, Aug. 21 a specialized training is being offered for any interested volunteers between 6-8 p.m. at the CPN Gym. Dinner will be provided and you must complete an application and background check to participate. We hope you can join us in our efforts to prepare the next generation!

This summer we also continue to strive to help youth develop a positive character by encouraging them to adopt healthy lifestyle choices, serve their community, and learn from their elders. Our



Volunteer Jim Brenner teaches Billy Clock the game of chess.

youth are exposed to many tribal programs and curriculums that allow them to gain a better perspective on many aspects of their lives. Things like a strong sense of self-worth, the importance of community service, the promotion of friendship, and the acceptance of not only tribal, but other diverse cultures as well.

Our summer programs come to a

close with an annual awards banquet that showcases the various activities youth engage in throughout the summer. If you would like to join us, this year's banquet is scheduled for July 17 at 6 p.m. at the CPN Gym located at 2365 Gordon Cooper Dr. To reserve your seat and a meal, please contact our offices at 405-214-5110 by July 11.

## Santa Fe Depot receives computer donation from CPN

Citizen Potawatomi Nation donated two re-purposed desktop computers and a scanner to the Santa Fe Depot Museum in Shawnee. The Pottawatomie County Oklahoma Historical Society reached out to CPN to see if they had any computers available for a project they will be overseeing at the Santa Fe Depot Museum.

"We plan on using one of the computers and the scanner to scan documents and photos to preserve the history of Pottawatomie

County," said Landry. "The other computer will be used for patrons visiting the museum to click through images to make it easier for them to research our past."

The Pottawatomie County Oklahoma Historical Society was created in 1926 in Shawnee. Still in operation today, the group works out of the Santa Fe Depot Museum and has open enrollment to anyone who would like to join. For more information, refer to their Facebook page.

"We are so thankful for the donation that CPN gave to us," added Landry. "We can't wait to get the computers set up for people who visit the museum to start using and discovering Pottawatomie County history."

CPN offers opportunities for charities and organizations to receive re-used electronics from the IT department. For more information, contact Dennis Dyer or Dana Myers at 405-275-3121.



CPN employees Dennis Dyer and Dana Myers, Santa Fe Depot Museum Executive Director Ken Fullbright, and Ken Landry, a volunteer at the museum.

## FireLake Wellness Center hosts annual fitness competition



Cheyenne Deathridge was this year's winner.

To most, March Madness refers to the NCAA basketball tournament that takes place each March. At FireLake Wellness Center, it has a slightly different meaning. The 64-team bracket tournament inspired a competition at the FireLake Wellness Center, where individuals compete against each other in cardio workouts.

The contest is open to 64 participants, each of whom must be a member of the FireLake Wellness Center. Competitors go head-to-head against an opponent for one week to

get the most miles on the stationary bike, elliptical machine or treadmill. The person with the most miles by the end of the week advances to the next round.

The competition has garnered so much attention that tournament officials asked the Tecumseh Middle School Math Department to develop a formula to level the playing field. The math department's goal was to figure out a way to correctly compare the miles done on each machine.

They finally came up with a formula showing that for every mile on the treadmill, contestants on the stationary bike will have to go 2.3 miles, and those using the

elliptical machine need to go two.

There are two brackets for competitors, a 39 years and younger group, and a 40 years and older group. The two winners of each bracket compete against each other for the championship.

This year the Final Four were Cheyenne Deathridge, Terry Sisco, Dennette Summerlin, and Ian Bittle.

Deathridge came out on top this year, and was the overall winner.

"My goal at the beginning of the competition was to make it to the Final Four," said Summerlin. "Having accomplished that, I feel

great about the effort I put into the competition. March Madness pushed me to another level in my cardio exercise."

The competition is in its sixth consecutive year with contest winners receiving anything from iPods to flat screen TVs.

"March Madness during the night shift turns into pure chaos," said FireLake Wellness Center employee Brandon Edwards. "It's a great contest with people pushing themselves beyond what they can normally do. I really enjoy watching them compete against each other, and look forward to it every year."

## Tribal Youth educated on diabetes prevention

The after school programs at CPN's Tribal Youth facility is an opportunity for youth between the ages of 12-17 to receive education focusing on drug and alcohol prevention, healthy life skills, and academic success. All programs are voluntary and are designed to help youth build a better community from an early age. Recently, the after school program participants received a diabetes and obesity prevention education. The class was taught by FireLake Wellness Center Dietitian MS RD/LD, Torie Fuller.

"Childhood diabetes and obesity is on the rise for Native American youth," said Fuller. "We're trying to educate them on nutrition so that they can make better lifestyle choices for the rest of their lives. Not only is obesity rising in teens

but it's also rising in children at a very early age. Unfortunately with obesity, it creates the risk of complications such as diabetes."

According to the American Diabetes Association, there has been a 68 percent increase in diabetes from 1994 to 2004 in American Indians aged 15-19.

The youth learned about various decisions that can lead to obesity and diabetes in teenagers and what they can do prevent it. Part of this instruction involved teaching youth how to read nutrition labels, specifically looking out high sodium and added sugar amounts in products, both of which can lead to unhealthy lifestyles.

Fuller also discussed the need to make smart decisions on what

they drink. For instance, a 20 ounce can of soda contains a quarter cup of sugar, meaning children are taking in 256 calories without any nutritional value.

A healthy food initiative that Fuller encourages children to get involved with is the Choose My Plate program, which was put together by the USDA two years ago. The program stresses building healthy habits to insure a



CPN Dietician Torie Fuller leads a healthy living class.

healthy lifestyle. The program encourages youth to cut back on sweets, choosing vegetables bright in color and being a healthy role model to peers.

With a growing problem in diabetes and obesity in the Native American culture, the time is now to start educating today's youth on the importance of living a

healthier lifestyle.

For more information on diabetes and obesity prevention, visit the American Diabetes Association website at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or contact Torie Fuller at the FireLake Wellness Center at 405-395-9304.

## CPN employee nominated as Head Woman Dancer at Stanford University Powwow

CPN has more than 2000 employees in its various enterprises and governmental departments. Some are Potawatomi, others are non-tribal or from other federally recognized tribes. Employee Leslie Deer has been with CPN for more than 15 years, working in many different departments.

Deer is a Production Assistant for the Tribal Heritage Productions Department. Along with Video Production manager for the Cultural Heritage Center, Curtis Grant, they film interviews of tribal members for the tribal archives to create special video presentations for each honored family. Deer also teaches regalia making classes and women's dance classes as a cultural activity for the community.

What separates Deer from others is that she has mastered the art of Fancy Dancing. Her expertise in this traditional dance has resulted in her being invited as the Head

Woman Dancer at the forty third Annual Stanford University Powwow, the nation's largest student-run powwow.

Raised in California as a child, the invitation is a homecoming for Deer. The Bay Area native and Muscogee (Creek) Nation member grew up going to the Stanford powwow when she was a little girl.

"I remember going to the powwow as far back as I can remember," said Deer. "My step-father would sing and my mother, brother and I would dance. Never would I have imagined this dream would come true to be the Head Woman Dancer of the powwow where I first started dancing."

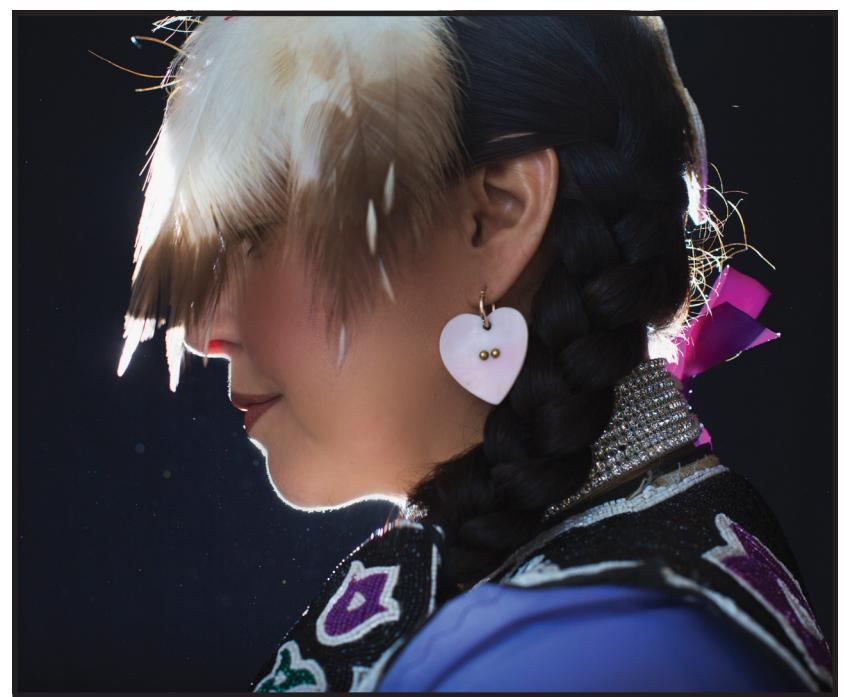
Deer spent 12 years travelling the United States and 24 other countries with the American Indian Dance Theatre and the Mashantucket Pequot Nation's Foxwoods Dance Troupe. In 1992 she was asked to join the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers Native Dance

Troupe and has been with the group for over 20 years. She has been voted "Favorite Fancy Shawl Dancer" three consecutive years in a reader's poll conducted by Native American Times Newspaper and been the Featured Dancer on the 1995 Red Earth Festival poster.

Deer also makes all of her own regalia. Some of her clothing design and beadwork has been exhibited in competitions like the Eiteljorg Museum's Indian Art Market and the Annual Santa Fe Indian Market.

Stanford's Powwow is a three day event with four different Grand Entries.

"As Head Woman Dancer I will be leading out the entire group of women dancers into the powwow arena," explained Deer. "I also have to know all of the times when it is appropriate for women to dance, style of dances and if the dances are for everyone or specific



Leslie Deer.

individuals."

CPN's Tesia Zientek earned her Master's Degree from Stanford University and while there, helped coordinate the student-run powwow.

"When the call for nominations for Head Dancers was announced this year, I immediately thought of Leslie. Without a doubt, she is the most experienced and talented dancer that I know, and I was certain that she would do an amazing job. I love the thought

that someone from the Shawnee area will be there representing our community at this large event."

The Stanford Powwow was held May 9-11, 2014 this year. Following the completion of the event, Deer stated, "It was an honor to serve as Head Woman Dancer at Stanford. Everything went well at the powwow, the students did a great job and it was awesome!"



Leslie in some of her regalia.



Leslie Deer at Stanford's annual student powwow.

## CPN artist Penny Coates illustrates her heritage through art

The famed Potawatomi artist Woody Crumbo depicted his life in the American southwest through paintings of intricately detailed horses, personal portraits and landscapes. Crumbo has etched his way into Potawatomi history through his art. Another Potawatomi artist following in Crumbo's footsteps is Penny Coates.

Born and raised in Shawnee, Okla., at a young age Coates developed a taste for the artistic world. Her father, an artist himself, taught a young Penny and her three sisters the values and fundamentals of being an artist. This early exposure led Penny to a career as a master floral designer, a path she followed for nearly 40 years in Minneapolis, Minn. and Springfield, Mo.

After raising three children and relocating to two different states to pursue her career as a floral designer, Coates longed to move back to her hometown. After a chance meeting with her high school sweetheart, the couple married and Coates settled back down in the area of her ancestry.

Now serving her fifth year as FireLake Gift Shop Manager, Coates, is the artist behind all of the large, detailed murals inside

the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

"My work is a replica of my soul, and I feel like a part of me goes into each piece," said Coates. "Every piece of art has a story; you just have to look for it."

When she has a pen or brush on canvas, Coates says she hears the words of her father telling her to give the artwork more depth or detail. His voice, transfused to her thoughts, is just one of many aspects that Coates says has helped push her to be a better.

"One of my favorite memories while painting in the heritage center was the time I was up on a ladder painting and an elderly lady came in with her granddaughter. The little girl was maybe 11. She came up to me and just stood there in awe, watching me paint," recalled Coates. "I came down from the ladder and asked her if she wanted to paint some leaves on the wall. I took a minute or two to show her how to paint leaves and she painted about five on the wall. She was so proud of herself,



Coates, an Anderson-Bourbonnais family member, stands in front of the Bourbonnais Cabin.

so I told her to remember that every time she comes in, her leaves are right here on the wall. She left with the biggest smile on her face that I've ever seen. As an artist, that gives me inspiration to keep the passion for art."

Coates is currently working on a project using a Potawatomi archival item. The piece is a journal of her great great-grandmother, Mary Anne Bourbonnais. Coates explained that she plans on scanning pages from the journal and illustrating over them through a traditional

Plains Indian art process called ledger art.

Coates also teaches art classes at the Cultural Heritage Center once a week. The classes range from bead-working to pencil art to regalia-making.

For more information about classes and places to see Coates' artwork, visit FireLake Gift Shop's website at [giftshop.potawatomi.org](http://giftshop.potawatomi.org). The deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. Monday July 21.

**FREE  
BUS  
TO THE  
ANNUAL  
GATHERING  
OF NATIONS**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the Annual "Gathering of the Nations" for tribal members and immediate families. A bus will leave the CPN headquarters at 6 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 5, and return home Sunday Aug. 10. It will arrive in Shawnee in the afternoon on Aug. 11.

A \$50/passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members will be responsible for their own food, lodging and incidentals.

To reserve a seat or for information, please call Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 ext. 1434, 800-880-9880 or email [chanson@potawatomi.org](mailto:chanson@potawatomi.org). The deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. Monday July 21.

*There is limited seating available.*



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## Meet your 2014-15 Legislature

Following tribal elections on June 28 during the 2014 Family Reunion Festival, the 2014-15 legislative body convened its first meeting of the new session on June 30. To learn more about your legislature, please visit [www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature](http://www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature).

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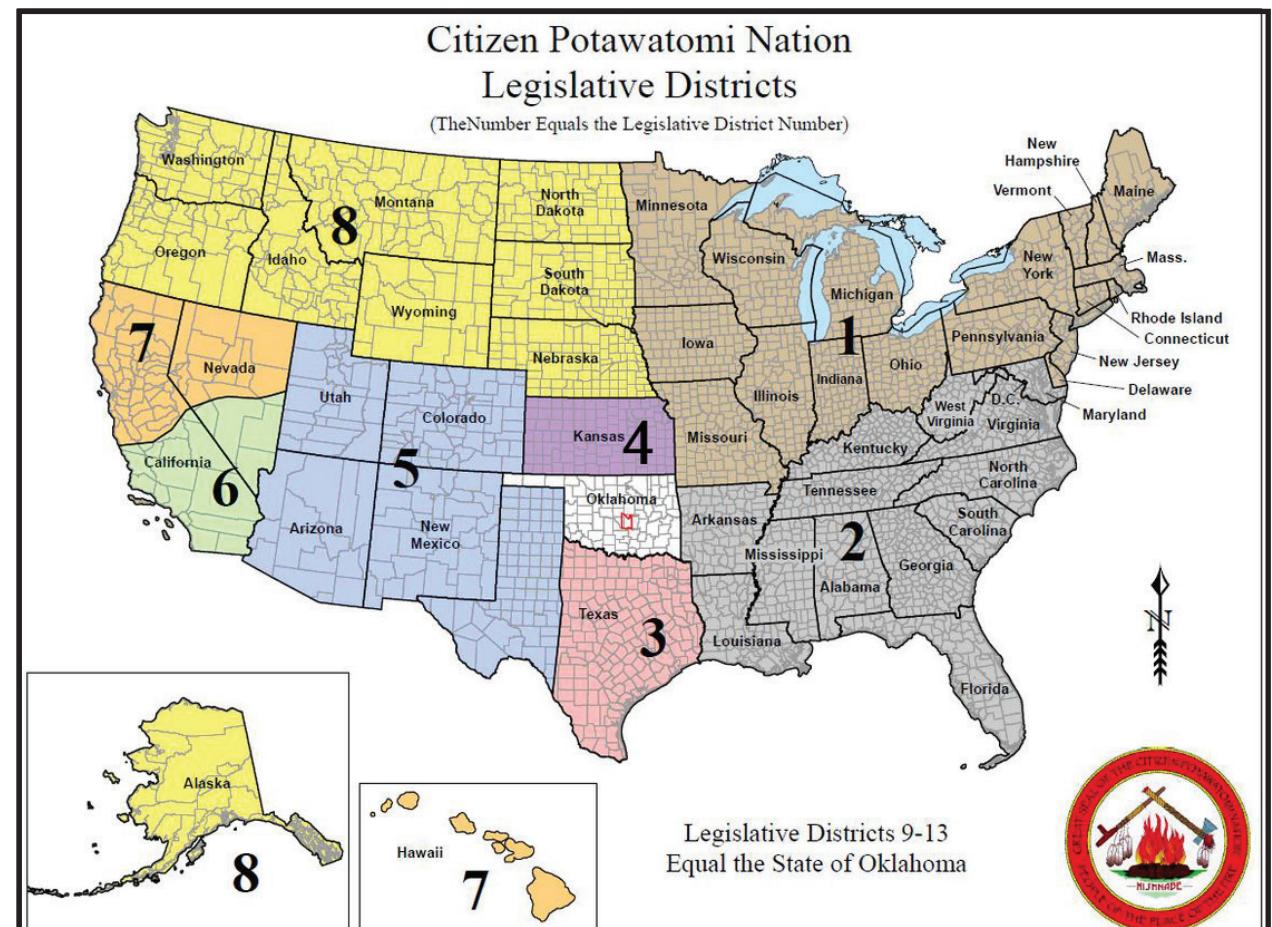
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Top row, left to right: Paul Schmidtkofer, Rande Payne, Mark Johnson, Jon Boursaw, David Joe Barrett.  
Middle row: Roy Slavin, Bobbi Bowden, John "Rocky" Barrett, Linda Capps, Paul Wesselhoft, Eva Marie Carney.  
Front row: Gene Lambert, Bob Whistler, D. Wayne Trousdale, Lisa Kraft, Dave Carney.



## Legislative update: July 2014

Following the elections and swearing-in at the June 28 General Council Meeting, the 2014-15 CPN Legislature met for the first time on June 30. Resolutions supporting funding applications for the 2014 fiscal year were approved for the Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Program, Family Violence Prevention Program, a museum and library enhancement program and a humanities and collections reference resource program. The Legislature also approved two CPN applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to be treated in the same manner as a state for eligibility purposes regarding regulations of the U.S. Clean Water Act. The tribe is also seeking two separate grants that fall under the Clean Water Act, both applications of which were approved. CPN's Transportation Improvement Plan was adopted

and approved ahead of its submission to the Federal Highway Administration. The body also passed a resolution supporting CPN's Women, Infants and Children's Program in its funding request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a mobile office.

The Legislature approved additional funding for transportation of CPN members to this year's Potawatomi Gathering of Nations in Gun Lake, Mich. along with a donation for the host tribe. Tribal member Daniel LeClaire was confirmed as the new Executive Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Gaming Commission.

The governing body also granted Tribal Chairman John Barrett the authority to negotiate a ground lease for the location of a proposed

indoor sports center. Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale have similarly been authorized to sign documents necessary to complete a loan agreement between CPN and First National Bank and Trust.

As the final order of business, seventy new Tribal member applications were approved by the Legislature.

On June 16, 2014 a special legislative meeting was called. The one item of business addressed was a funding request to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture for a Rural Business Opportunity Grant. If approved by the Department of Agriculture, the funds would be used to run a feasibility study for a data center. The measure passed with unanimous consent from the 15

legislators in attendance.

The May 22 Tribal Legislative meeting was a busy affair, with the Legislature approving a resolution authorizing the Tribe's application for funding with a Tribal Historical Preservation Office grant program. Applications for grants funding the voucher and after-school child care services program, tribal youth program, Healthy Heart Initiative, diabetes program, community block development program, Lower Income Home and Energy Assistance Program and Tribal Homeland Security also passed.

Consolidation of CPN's employment and training services through Public Law 102-477 was approved while funding increases were allotted for the Tribe's Sanitation Facilities Construction Program. Fee-to-trust acquisition applications for four non-gaming

properties were likewise approved pending submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

198 new membership applications to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation were approved.

Amendments were also made to the Tribal Code on Shoplifting and the CPN Gaming Ordinances, while a new ordinance establishing the Innkeepers' Right Act was unanimously approved. An executive session was held before the passage of an ordinance regulating the use of tribal resources in preparation of city and state sales tax reports.

Another proposed amendment of Title 13, Chapter 1, Section 1010 concerning Family Relations failed with six in favor, six opposed, three absent and one abstention.

**REMEMBER, LEGISLATORS ARE NOT ABLE TO RETRIEVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FROM TRIBAL ROLLS.**

Please contact your legislator so that you can receive important information.

## Districts 1 and 4 hold combined regional meeting in Kansas

There are thirteen legislative districts within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Five are divided up in Oklahoma while the other eight are dispersed throughout the United States. Legislative representatives from District 4, Jon Boursaw and District 1, Roy Slavin, held a regional meeting together for their districts in Overland Park, Kan. on June 7.

"We're here to inform our membership about the Nation and some of the new things that are happening within the Nation," said Slavin. "It's a way of involving people with the Tribe and that's our main goal."

"The attendance was a little disappointing today but I'm sure part of that was the result of the heavy rains we have had here recently, but it was a very interested and enthusiastic group so that was great," said Boursaw. "One lady told me this was the first meeting she ever went to and that it was very informative."

The district meetings are designed to assist, inform and serve as a means of networking for tribal members to ask questions and be informed on the latest news about CPN. Meetings are typically held quarterly and in different areas to accommodate the vast distances that separate the Tribe's members.

The meeting in Overland Park consisted of updates on the Cultural Heritage Center that flooded in March, presentation of gifts to the wisest, youngest and furthest travelled, PowerPoint presentations on CPN history, a film about the Tribe's history produced by Tribal Heritage Productions entitled "Journey," and opportunities for Q&A.

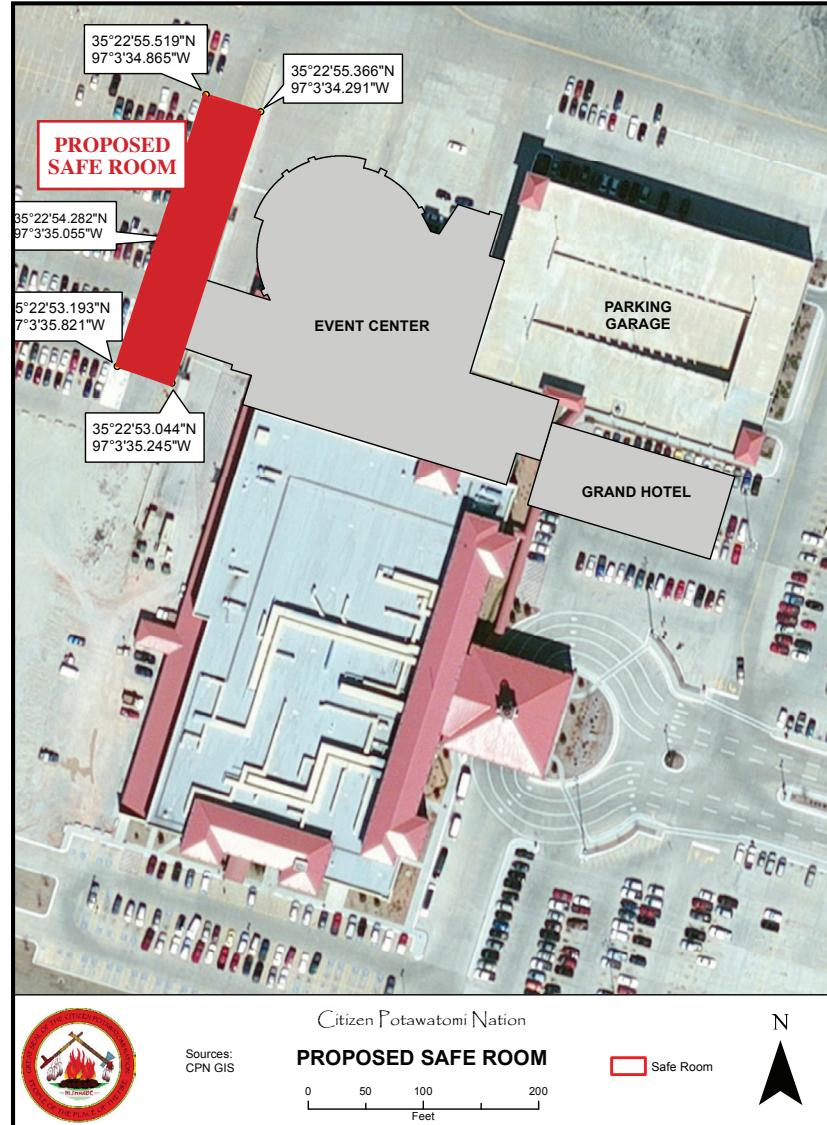
"This meeting was great and it's always nice to hear the new things that the Tribe is doing," said Sandy Bentch of Lee's Summit, Mo.

For more information on districts, legislators and questions refer to the tribal website at [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org).



CPN Tribal Production's Curtis Grant addresses the K.C. attendees while Slavin and Boursaw look on.

## CPN secures funding for community safe room and elder's program



Map of proposed community safe room.

Attempting to improve safety and preparedness in light of the devastating 2013 storm season, Citizen Potawatomi Nation has secured federal funding for a community safe room which will be located at the Grand Complex located along Interstate 40.

"With the assistance from FEMA and our Tribal Legislature, we'll be able to provide shelter for our members, employees and local community members when the worst happens," said CPN Director of Safety Tim Zientek. "This storm shelter can protect thousands, and is just another way for CPN to help out when we're needed most."

The FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation community safe room grant is a two year project. 75 percent of the cost of the project will be covered by the federal government, while Citizen Potawatomi Nation's legislature has provided funding for the remaining 25 percent. For construction and management costs, the federal government will fund more than \$1.9 million over the course of the project, while CPN's legislature has provided funding for approximately \$643,000.

CPN Legislative Resolution 14-19-JPS identifies "tornadoes as a high priority hazard" and declares that the tribal community safe room project will mitigate the loss of life and property within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Once completed, the safe room, located west of the recently opened

Grand Event Center, will provide shelter for up to 2,500 people.

CPN's Title VI grant award, which funds the tribal elder care program, is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (Administration on Aging). The grant awards more than \$210,000 in federal funds to provide nutrition and supportive services to tribal elders as well as their caregivers.

"The grant funding Title VI receives is crucial to the program. Simply put, we would not be here without it," explained program director Tami Fleeman. "It allows us to provide Native American elders a place to socialize, ask questions regarding their health and other issues they are dealing with, and most of all to have a nutritious meal. For the majority it is their biggest meal of the day. If they did

not have this program, many would not have enough food to keep them healthy."

Title VI is open to all Native Americans who live in CPN's jurisdiction and are over the age of 55. Each weekday it provides a free and healthy lunch for participants while also giving access to the CPN wellness center and other activities throughout the week. Monthly visits by the tribal community health representatives provide blood pressure and blood sugar screening in addition to nutritional information and other supportive services.

If you would like to learn more about the Title VI program, please visit [www.potawatomi.org/services/elders](http://www.potawatomi.org/services/elders) or call 405-214-5111. Program Director Tami Fleeman can also be reached at [tfleeman@potawatomi.org](mailto:tfleeman@potawatomi.org).



Lonnie and Doris Dunkin are regulars at the CPN Elder's Program.

## CPN hosts Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Summit

The seventh annual Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Summit was hosted by the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort in Shawnee, Okla. from June 3-5, 2014. The gathering of tribal emergency management professionals gave tribal organizations an opportunity to discuss the newest tactics and procedures to use when disaster strikes.

"With a tribal jurisdiction that was in the path of the devastating May 2013 storm season, we have been on the front lines of storm recovery," said Linda Capps, Vice-Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "That's why we are happy to host tribal representatives from across the region to discuss the best way to prepare and deal with these catastrophic situations."

*Top: ITEM participants have a view some of the emergency response vehicles during the meeting.*

*Bottom: CPN Director of Safety Tim Zientek describes the Tribe's emergency response experiences to the 2013 storm season.*

including therapy dogs, animal response and recovery in a disaster, and national mass-care strategies.

The second day's events included a key note address by Dr. Gary Webb, PhD. on his emergency management expertise. Other workshops included earthquake preparedness, wildfire strategies, and drought tools and resources.

Coordination of tribal emergency professionals is increasingly important given tribes' role in providing services to rural parts of states across the U.S.

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## CPN Cultural Heritage Center chronicles Tribe's past with contemporary archival practices

With floods and construction, working at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage center over the past few months had staff taking on duties that may have never occurred to them when initially applying for their position. As construction continues, many staff members are now finding more time to devote to their regular tasks. One such project is the CHC's Tribal Archive and Research Division, which goes to painstaking efforts to help preserve and classify historical artifacts from the Tribe's history.

Unbeknownst to many, this reporter included, is exactly what the Tribal Archive and Research Division does. Not simply an office that scans Potawatomi family photographs into the digital archives, the specially trained staff of the Tribal Archive and Research Division undertakes dozens of hours of training in archival best practices each year to ensure that the cataloging of these items is done correctly.

"We operate as any reputable research institution/repository does with a stringent set of standards and protocols," explained CHC Archivist and

Curator Blake Norton. "The preservation and recording of such materials are of the utmost importance. Simply throwing a handful of photos and documents in a scanner and assigning brief descriptions of each could not be further from the day to day work we do."

All materials that are sent in by CPN members, whether photographs, manuscripts or any other historical item, are considered donations. These items are assigned one of two statuses. Gift status items are considered a permanent donation, meaning the material becomes legal property of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's historical archives. Loan status items are cared for and maintained by the archival staff, but remain the property of the person or organization who donated.

Through grant funds and money allocated by the Tribal government, the CHC's archival labs are equipped to digitize all manner of historical materials including documents, photographs, bound collections, maps and most forms of multimedia.

Though the department accepts

donations year round, they typically halt such accepting during the annual Family Reunion Festival. Given the legal requirements needed to appropriately accept and catalogue donations, the time simply isn't there for the staff to adequately process the large amount of submissions made by Tribal members during the three day gathering.

As Norton elaborated, "Every collection can be and usually is different, especially when dealing with cultural, spiritual and ethnographic materials. We do understand and accommodate walk-ins, but this process is considerably longer. Upon assessment, we accept a collection on a temporary basis or consideration status and submit it for approval by our Collections Committee. Once approved, acquisitions are determined gift or loan and the appropriate legal documentation is completed."

However, Norton and the staff at



*Blake Norton.*

the Tribal Archive and Research Division are always willing to work with members who wish to submit items for preservation.

"Collection processing is first-come, first serve, so as to give every donor and their respective collection a fair shake," said Norton. "As hard as it is, we try our best not to place a greater value on certain materials and allow them to supersede other collections. Obviously, we do receive collections that necessitate

immediate or timelier processing, but those are rare and are usually part of a larger project."

If you are interested in learning more about the Tribal Archive and Research Division, or have questions regarding a future donation, please contact Blake Norton, Curator and Archivist at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. He can be reached at 405-878-5830 or [bnorton@potawatomi.org](mailto:bnorton@potawatomi.org).

## Iron Horse Industrial Park update – July 2014



*The entrance to Iron Horse off of Hardesty Road.*

Concrete has been poured and progress continues at Iron Horse Industrial Park. Iron Horse is a general-use industrial park located on the national rail line network in the center of the United States. This industrial park consists of a 400-acre plot

of Native American trust land owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation located 35 minutes southeast of Oklahoma City, Okla.

*To learn more about Iron Horse, please visit [www.ironhorsecpn.com](http://www.ironhorsecpn.com).*



*Concrete was poured in March 2013.*



*The recently completed intersection at Iron Horse Industrial Park.*

## Tribal members eligible for home buyer and refinancing grant

By Sherry Byers,  
CPN Housing Authority

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority (CPNHA) has a "One Time Grant" available to enrolled Tribal members who are going to purchase, build or refinance a home. This grant is for closing costs or down payment only.

All Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members are eligible for this grant for one time only. The maximum amount available is \$2,125 and does not have to be repaid. The criteria for this program are:

- The grant cannot be used for any type of mobile home.
- The grant cannot be used by convicted felons or for households where other members are felons.
- The home being purchased must be their primary residence and the tribal member's name must be on the loan.

The application must be completed thoroughly and the following submitted:

- Copy of borrower's CPN membership card.
- Copy of the "Good Faith Estimate" from lender.
- Income verification for all household members (last three to four pay stubs or, if they've been with the same employer for years, the last two years of tax returns).
- Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.).
- Completed W-9 form.
- Copy of appraisal when available.

The application and support information is required in our office at least three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

In addition to assisting individual tribal members with this grant program, we would also like to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's First National Bank & Trust benefit by originating the

mortgage loans. FNB is able to offer most loan programs available at other lending institutions, except loan types affiliated with predatory lenders.

It is interesting to know that there are still many uninformed CPN members out there, when it comes to information regarding this program and the tribal bank. Our office receives calls daily from tribal members that never knew of this grant or that the tribe owns their own bank. Please spread the word with your CPN family members.

*To request the application and/or general information regarding the "One Time Grant," please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager at (405) 273-2833 or at [sbyers@potawatomi.org](mailto:sbyers@potawatomi.org).*

*For information regarding loan products and lending requirements at First National Bank & Trust, please contact Jeff Scroggins, Mortgage Loan Officer at (405) 275-8830 or at 1-800-227-8362.*

## CHC update: July 2014

It was the flood no one saw coming. Surveillance video from inside the Long Room at the Cultural Heritage Center shows the floor rising in a dome shape, then lowering as Tribal employees cut holes in the floor to relieve the pressure.

Within an hour, several inches of water came pouring through the concrete base and other openings, destroying large portions of the CHC's interior.

Several months have passed since the day, but attendees at the 2014 Family Reunion Festival were able to enjoy time in the museum.

In the past, the CHC has been a staple for events and classes during the Family Reunion Festival.

"All activities are a go at the Cultural Heritage Center for this year's Family Reunion Festival," said Dr. Kelli Mosteller, CHC Director ahead of the event. "It

may look a little different but we are pleased to be able to offer most of everything from the previous years. The museum exhibits however will not be open

and we should have a photo essay displayed for everyone to see what happened here the day it flooded and the process that is involved with getting everything back to normal."

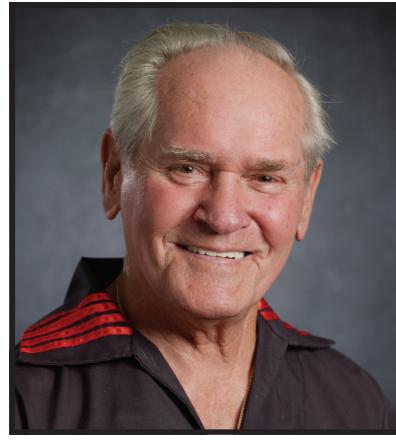


*Festival attendees were able to see Tribal member Marcia Bendo and others perform inside the CHC despite the renovations.*

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## District 1 – Roy Slavin



Bozho nikanek,

As I write this, Festival is rapidly approaching and what a busy time it is for everyone. As one of the honored families this year, it is even busier than usual. Saturday morning will be especially busy as several family members are receiving their Potawatomi name. Family members who have already been named will be doing the naming. I have noticed over the years that when people receive their name they feel more a part of the tribe and become more involved in tribal business and affairs. If you are interested or have questions about the naming ceremony I will be happy to answer and assist you with the naming protocol.

I had the honor and privilege of attending and taking part in the "Massing of Colors" at Topeka, Kan. There were a total of 32 units, three of which included Prairie Band Potawatomi, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Haskell University Color Guards. Lunch was served to all the veterans in attendance (there were many) and all were honored for their service.

On June 7, District 1 and District 4 joined together for an area meeting. The meeting was held at the VFW Post 846 in Overland Park, Kan. and was well attended. The last several meetings that I have held have been hosted by VFW units and I must say they are so much better than when we

held them at hotels. There is such a friendly and warm environment and the food prepared by the auxiliary is like home cooking. From this point on all my meetings will be held at VFW or American legion halls. Not only does this work well for me, it helps support these great organizations. And to all you veterans out there thank you for your service. I know you are as proud of your service as I am of mine.

In closing, I would like to mention our CPN web site [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org). There is a wealth of information here. The language department has lots of good information and classes that are available online. You can even study on your own as they have many

PowerPoint presentations that are available for downloading. Please visit [www.potawatomi.org/lang](http://www.potawatomi.org/lang) to learn more.

As always if you do not receive mail or e-mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information. Please call me, or send it to me at the address below.

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## District 2 – Eva Carney



receive word), and I will work with John to include acknowledgments of as many District 2 new graduates as possible in the *Hownikan*.

### Weddings, PLP selection, recent awards.

1. Kate Parrish/Debabdan (Sees in the Distance), recently became a bride. I helped her late grandfather Carl Ziegler/Numat (He Prays) with her Potawatomi name some years ago, and know that Numat would want her happiness. Congratulations to Kate and Tol Shavit!

2. Our nephew Adam Basappa was



*Kate and Tol Shavit.*

selected for the 2014 Potawatomi Leadership Class and as a result I got to spend some time with him during the Family Reunion Festival. He starts college in the fall at my alma mater, the University of San Francisco. I'm a proud aunt!

3. Floridian Tim Pyeatt, Air Force Special Operations Command, is

one of two Air Force 2014 Society of American Indian Government Employees Meritorious Service Award winners, Air Force officials announced recently. Tim was selected based on his superior leadership and logistical expertise, which were considered crucial in the development, acquisition and fielding of a \$537 million non-standard aviation program. Tim's commander also recognized that he had enhanced awareness and appreciation of Native American heritage and traditions within the local community through his involvement in, among other things, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Thunderbird Native American Honor Guard. Tim travelled to one of my favorite cities, Albuquerque, in June to receive this national award.

**Sorrow since a CPN friend has walked on.** Gaye Tenoso, an accomplished senior lawyer with the Department of Justice and CPN member, walked on in June after a brief but valiantly fought battle with cancer. Gaye became my friend in the course of her attendance at a number of District 2 events and in giving her time and advice to me as needed. I admired her immensely for her dedication to Native issues and women in particular, for her quiet strength and loving relationship with her husband Don Tenoso, and for her willingness to mentor Native American law students. She always graciously took my student-referrals' emails and cell phone numbers and followed up – she gave her time freely to discussing Native issues and careers in Indian law with young

people. A lovely memorial service for her was held in the Department of Justice's Great Hall. I will miss her and hope to have Don come to a meeting later in the year to share his moccasin making skills with us. Please keep Gaye, Don, Bill Powell (Gaye's father), and all the family in your prayers.

**Trip to the Archives.** I am currently working on a late summer or fall trip to the National Museum of the American Indian Archives in Suitland, Md. – this is now an annual/sometimes twice-yearly pilgrimage for District 2 folks and their families and I will circulate the date by email and via Facebook once I have it. There are always group-size limitations so you'll want to reserve your space early if it works with your schedule (it sometimes absolutely does not work with mine!).

**Keep in touch.** That's it for now!

Please join our private Facebook page, District 2 Citizens of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, by putting the group name in your Facebook browser and making a request to join. Or just send me an email or call. I am always keen to visit with fellow Citizen Potawatomis.

Kindest regards,  
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(Bluebirdwoman)

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## District 3 – Bob Whistler



Bozho Nikanek (Hello friends)

We had a very good Family Festival, and it was a pleasure seeing so many of you. A number of you asked if there will be any area meetings this year. The answer is yes! During the first half of this year, the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman have been unavailable to get away due to a variety of reasons. If you have been reading the *Hownikan*, you will see that the city of Shawnee is

causing some issues that involve the Nation, and this process, construction projects and other meetings have simply consumed the time that might have been available for area meetings. So, let me go ahead and set up four meetings for us, and I can go over some of the new things going on. Let's plan on the following locations and dates.

- Sept. 13 — Houston
- Sept. 14 — Austin or San Antonio
- Sept. 20 — Abilene
- Sept. 27 — Dallas

If you would like, at these meetings we can hold a naming ceremony. However, we need to start on that right now since it takes time to follow the protocol. It also takes time, much thought, and prayer to come up with a suitable and fitting name. So if you don't have your Potawatomi name, and desire to have one, please contact me and I can send you the details.

By now many of you are out enjoying the summer season. I like to spend some days out at the lake, and tend to forget at times to remind myself that while the sun is nice, it is also the cause of sun burns. If that goes on for too many years, you have the potential to get skin cancer. I was just reading an article on this subject in a magazine I receive on men's health. It mentioned that what may look like dry patchy skin when you get a few years on you could in fact be a melanoma, and not a harmless mole. The article gave some general information that I thought allows you to look at an area where you have a change in or on your skin, and tell if it is something to be concerned over. Many of us tend to think all is well, and are not too inclined to see our physician unless there is a cough or pain. So here is a bit of information that you might find helpful.

**Benign moles:** are even and are not notched or scalloped. They are symmetrical and usually only one

color. If it is bisected, the halves basically match.

**Melanomas:** are not just one color. Black, tan, brown, or other color shades can appear. Big is bad and of concern. A melanoma is generally larger than a pencil eraser and is of an irregular shape. I am not a physician and also do not want to overly concern you. While a melanoma is something to be taken care of, it is not that difficult to get rid of in the early stages. So keep an eye out for anything that might fit into this description, and if you think you might need to get a professional opinion, see a dermatologist.

Before closing, I still would like to have your email contact for information I send out between issues of the *Hownikan*. While staff may have that information, for privacy reasons they cannot just forward it to me. So, please be sure I have your email address. Send it to [CPN3Legislator@yahoo.com](mailto:CPN3Legislator@yahoo.com).

I look forward to seeing many of you at our September area meetings. It is an honor to represent you, and I am very proud that you elected me to serve you. Please contact me if you have any questions relative to the Nation where you feel I may be of help.

Bama pi,  
Bob Whistler/Bmashi (He soars)

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## District 4 – Jon Boursaw



### Upcoming District 4 meetings:

**Sept. 6, 2014:** A District 4 meeting will be held at the Indian Center in Wichita, Kan. on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014 beginning at 10:00 am. The Indian Center is located at the intersection of Seneca and Central Avenues in Wichita. Vice-Chairman Capps has indicated that she plans to attend this meeting. This meeting is open to all CPN members, but notices/invitations will only be mailed to the members living in the Greater Wichita area and South Central and Southwestern counties of Kansas. I plan to hold a naming ceremony immediately following the meeting on the grounds of the Center. For those who would like to be named, and have already received a naming

questionnaire; you need to return the completed questionnaire to me as soon as possible. For those who do not have a questionnaire, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Sept. 27, 2014:** A District 4 meeting will be held at the CPN Community Building in Rossville on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 beginning at 10:00 am. This meeting is open to all CPN members, but notices/invitations will only be mailed to the members living in the Greater Topeka area and Central and Northwestern counties of Kansas. I plan to hold a naming ceremony immediately before the meeting in the Prayer Circle on the grounds of the Community Center. For those wanting an Indian name please see the instructions above regarding

returning/obtaining the naming questionnaire.

Within the next few weeks you will receive your notice/invitation to attend one of these meetings, please RSVP as requested on the notice so we can have an accurate count of expected attendees. If you have questions regarding these meetings, or naming ceremonies please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Replacement of Bourbonnais Creek bridge signs:

**bridge signs:** We have an answer; the saga is getting closer to its finish! We have received notification that the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (yes, there is such an agency) has finally approved our request to have the spelling of Bourbonnais Creek changed

to Bourbonnais Creek. The only thing left is to have the Kansas Dept. of Transportation make and install the new signs at the bridge crossing.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Representative for the past year.

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## District 5 – Gene Lambert



often. The desert has its own distinct beauty and is a major contrast to the Colorado weather. I enjoy them both.

So thank you for making me feel so welcome as you always do. I also wanted to add a great big thank you to Robert and Kim for gifting me the photograph of the butterfly in the wild. It was a touching way for them to acknowledge my tribal name, which translates into Butterfly Woman.

We were able to have one-on-one conversations, and Tribal Rolls Director Chuck Clark was there to add the business at home. Thank you Chuck for your contribution to the meeting. As always, you bring the CPN spirit.

Some expressed their concerns and had suggestions on how we can better serve Colorado. The district meeting and the gatherings become more

defined and expansive each year.

I want to talk about how important the upcoming generations are. They are the ones that will carry on after we have walked on. Be sure you are enrolled and, just as important, enroll children, grandchildren, etc. This way, generation to generation, ceremonies can continue as they always have and your family will be represented.

We do things from habit so bring your children to the district meetings and the Festival! We promise you they will have plenty to entertain and educate them the Potawatomi Way. You never know... you may be training one of our upcoming leaders.

Let me hear from you and thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Warmest Personal Regards,  
Eunice Imogene Lambert



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## District 6 – Rande K. Payne



dreams and visions. The good news is that we are free to express these things. Some of our uniqueness is born out of creation and some from our life experiences. How wonderful that there is only one me and only one you! I am proud of what our Tribal government has accomplished in the past, is working on today and is planning for the future. While we are not perfect in some of the things we do or how we do them, overall we are making progress in a multitude of areas. While your definition of progress or success may be different than mine or the next person's, again, while our Nation's results may not be perfect they are predominantly positive and for that I am thankful.

I am thankful and honored to have the opportunity to represent District 6 for a second term. I will work hard to be of service to you to the best of my ability throughout my second term. I'm excited for the future of our Nation and look forward with much hope and great expectations for continued progress.

I have talked recently about the significant role of tobacco in our

Potawatomi culture. Because it was the Creator's first gift from the plant world, it's used in virtually every ceremony and in times of prayer and healing. Those of you who were at the District meeting in San Diego know that I was gifted tobacco seed from Andy Jackson the Cultural Director of the Pokagon Potawatomi at last year's Gathering in Michigan. I consider her gift of tobacco seed even more precious than tobacco itself. While I have never had much interest in growing anything in the past, I am very passionate about growing tobacco. I wish I knew why! While I am in the breadbasket of California, no one around here knows much about growing tobacco so it's been a lot of trial and error and time spent on research. But I find the investment of time rewarding. Again, I wish I knew why. Trust me; my family doesn't understand it either!

I wanted to update you on the progress thus far. Because I live in town at this point space to grow is a major issue. Tobacco likes full sunlight so I can only grow in 5 gallon buckets that I place around the swimming pool so they get as much sun as possible. And

because of the buckets, hand watering is a daily task due to the intense heat here in the valley.

I am growing some for seed so that I may some day gift others with seed as Andy gifted me and some for ceremonial use and gifting as well. I am not creative enough to make anything to gift to others so my hope is that I will be able to someday gift others with homegrown tobacco. I'm currently dealing with an aphid problem that has me a little distraught. I am trying not to resort to chemicals as I know there has to be a natural way to deal with this problem. Please wish me luck!

"For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." Romans 1:20

Migwetch! Bama pi,  
Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

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## District 7 – Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the faith and trust that you have bestowed upon me. I am truly humbled to have been re-elected to serve you as the District 7 Legislator for the next four years. Your overwhelming support allowed me to garner a little over 78 percent of the vote, and I think it speaks clearly to the direction in which our great Nation is moving.

In the next four years, I will continue to work with the members in the district to address their needs. I will also work with the other legislators and executive staff on the needs and

challenges that face our great Nation now, and into the future. I will continue the steady pressure to increase benefits for our members both within and outside of Oklahoma as they make financial sense, but more importantly, protecting what we have today by insuring the economic, cultural and spiritual health our tribe.

Our Tribe has always been hesitant to become involved in local city or county politics. With the recent attacks on our Tribal sovereignty by the City of Shawnee, we were no longer able to passively sit by and watch, while misguided city "leaders" ignored the wishes of the citizens and businesses in town, all the while

wasting thousands of their taxpayer's dollars on a fight they would not win.

With the recent June elections in Oklahoma, the balance of power in Shawnee has changed to a majority that is friendly towards our Tribe, but they will not take office until September. It is our understanding that the current majority may try and create more trouble between now and when the new council members take office. It looks like these issues may continue at least for a couple of more months.

Once again I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative.

As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

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**Bama mine:** Later again

**Bama pi:** Later on

**Bozho Nikanek:** Hello friends

**Bozho Nikan:** Hello friend

**Egwien:** Heartfelt thanks

**Migwetch:** Thank you

# LEGISLATIVE COLUMNS

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## District 8 – Dave Carney



Hello, Friends –

Like the old spy movies begin... if you are reading this column, I must have prevailed in the election. I would like to thank everyone who supported me and made their voices heard. I

promise to continue working hard for you over the next four years.

Summer travel season has begun! At the very end of May, my wife and I drove down to Tillamook, Ore. to participate in a naming ceremony. It was a great honor to get to know the members and be asked to give them their Potawatomi names. One of those receiving their name gave gifts to the others and presented me with a gift of a live tobacco plant (in addition to dried leaf tobacco that he had grown). He (Mskwakaw) also gave the people gathered pods to grow their own at home.

I thought this was a very unique thing to do, and it got me thinking about the use of tobacco among the Potawatomi. We are taught that tobacco should be offered as a gift when asking to be

named and I have always heard of Potawatomi men “putting down” tobacco on the water before fishing, in the hopes that the Creator and the fish would be kind. A pinch was also placed in the water each day before wild rice gathering to assure calm weather and a healthy harvest.

Among Woodland Indians, tobacco is offered to the spirits before ceremony. It is part of our naming ceremony as tobacco is offered in prayer to the four directions and carries our prayers to heaven.

Historically, a runner was dispatched with a small amount of dry tobacco to invite guests to feasts and notify them of ceremonies. It also bound people in agreements and sealed peace treaties among warring factions.

To quote Alanson Skinner from *The Mascoutens or Prairie Potawatomi Indians, Part III, Mythology and Folklore*: “For such a purpose, the chief often kept a special pipe with a long decorated stem. While pipes of this sort have been called “peace pipes,” the stem—called a calumet—was actually more important. During disagreements between individuals in a tribe, the pipe or the stem could be held between them to stop the quarrel, and they would be encouraged to smoke together to end their disagreement. Smoking together was also a way to seal bargains or agreements between leaders of different groups, and offering a pipe to someone meant an end to hostilities.”

I hope to learn more about the use of

tobacco and other Potawatomi customs at the Family Festival this year. I’d like to share this information with you at the Fall Feast, scheduled for November 15 in Portland, Ore. This will be an evening event, so please mark your calendars.

On the morning of July 26, there will be a Naming in Post Falls, Idaho. If you are interested in participating, please contact me as soon as possible.

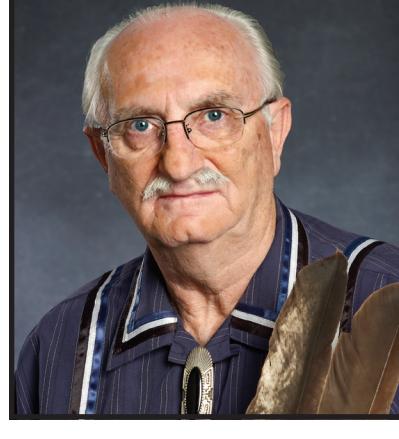
It is my honor to represent you.

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## District 9 – Paul Wesselhoft



Bozho Nikan,

### Indian spirituality

Recently, I wrote an article titled, “The Six Most Profound Words.” I asked the great question, “Why is there something instead of nothing?”

One of my colleagues teased me about my esoteric subject. However, I probe onward. The question should be asked, “Why are there not only Indians but also why are there humans at all, and how is it that we have survived?”

I wrote that I was interested knowing how early Potawatomi Indians thought about the earth, and the universe or the distant night skies. I know Indians in general were very spiritual long before their introduction

to Christianity.

It seems that the Potawatomi were a spiritual tribe because their conversion to Catholicism came early and easy. They seemed to be ready for a Special Revelation.

American Indian spirituality comes to us by oral tradition. In the case of Potawatomi, probably by the “Keepers of the Fire.” Indians keenly observed their surroundings. Theologians speak of a “General Revelation” (as contrasted with Special Revelation, i.e. scriptures) observed in the beauty, majesty and mystery of life and the environment.

Early Potawatomi spirituality, as with other tribes, was more a way of life than a religion. It was our people living in harmony with the Great Spirit and all of creation. It was a respect for the earth, its waters, and the land and lake animals. It was recognition of being fruitful and blessed. When there were beavers and buffalos in plenty, our tribes were happy.

As a Native American, I find it difficult to realize that some Indians are not spiritual. Frankly, I find it difficult to believe that any person is not spiritual. However, that is a fact. I certainly do not expect people to believe as I do or agree with me about life and the world.

Below is my idea about how it all happened; but to that great question “why,” I still wonder.

### Before Dust and Time

by Paul Chrisstarlon Wesselhoft

Before dust and time, from all eternity, the Triune God existed; there was nothing else; the cosmos, the universe, did not exist.

God stood, as it were, outside of everything, which was nothing. He was everything that was and not a part of anything. He was complete and sufficient within himself.

Then God spoke ex nihilo, and something was created out of nothing! He was the first force, the first cause of everything that would come into existence. And that potent spoken word caused a great violent explosion of gas, energy and dust particles!

Of this intensely hot explosion were the elements necessary to cause this cosmic fire to burn brighter expanding in gravitational shock waves initially beyond the speed of light; then after thousands of years it began to slow, then cool; that rippled expansion continues to this time.

The precise quality and quantity of gravity drew this initial explosion

into a collection of random sub-particles, later, ordered atoms, electrons, protons and eventually into swirling matter slung throughout empty black space.

Through billions of years and by intelligent design these atoms collected, gave birth to an infinite number of stars and proto stars; then planets and moons formed from the atoms, gas and dust orbiting stars; the comets and asteroids are the remnants thereof.

This great burst of stars was shrouded in dense nebulae of interstellar dust. Then the curtain of clouds gave way and like a giant Christmas tree, lights and brilliant colors lit up the vast dark in a dazzling array of pulsating sparkles. This birth of stars, planets, continues to this day; their number is like the grains of sand of the sea.

The gravitational pull of stars into various locations throughout the cosmos became billions of brilliant galaxies. And in one of these flat spiral galaxies was a medium but adequately sized star of optimal heat located in the right region halfway from the core of the galaxy to its outer galactic edge of spiral arms and with her orbit of precisely positioned planets and moons.

And on one of those planets—extraordinaire, perfect in size and shape, with the right depth of crust, the right number of tectonic plates, and in the necessary exact distance from its star, perfect in orbit and temperature, and in the necessary exact distance from its large orbiting moon, God entered the universe!

He visited that empty desolate planet to create salty oceans to enable gentle rains, fresh liquid cool water, life-sustaining rich oxygen and nitrogen, green and brown vegetation, tiny microorganisms, great sea and land creatures, and human life—life of both genders.

And into that crafted carcass of blood and bones, God blew his warm breath, his spirit; and man, made in the Imago Dei, became, like God, an eternal soul. A man. Amen.

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## District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho:

With all the activities you have been involved with this summer, I want to share a thought with you about something that you may not even realize is happening. Perhaps one of the most underappreciated aspects of life is this: Every day you’re here is another chance to be better than you were the day before. Day-to-day

trivialities often get in the way, however, and we get bogged down with the mundane tasks.

Did you know when you spend time with your loved ones, you are benefiting yourself? Let’s look at some things you can do every day to improve your life.

I found out that some of the most important things you can do to achieve a better life are being done by us without us being aware. There are even some things we might want to add.

Let’s look at spending time with the people we love. There aren’t many things in this world more important than the relationships we have with those we’re closest to.

We need to say “please” and “thank you” more often. These days it seems like we live in an “It’s all about me” world. While having good manners may be a lost art, practicing politeness daily can make life a little better for those you interact with. And this, in

turn, can help improve your life.

Try getting out in nature. It will reduce your stress levels and make you more creative. Do something that will challenge your memory like naming birds, flowers, trees or whatever you enjoy.

Some of these things will overlap, like exercise. Get out of the house with your family, because we all know how important this is. Other than health benefits too numerous to mention, exercise makes you smarter, happier, improves sleep, and makes you feel better about your body. This is through research I’ve been told.

Laughing is one of the most therapeutic things you can do for yourself every day, according to research. Did you know that people who use humor to cope with stress have better immune systems, and reduced risk of heart attack and stroke? Laughter should be like a daily vitamin.

Carve out some time to be alone with your thoughts, to “meditate.” Improving your life means cultivating positive thoughts on a regular basis. To do this, you need time to let go and recharge. Listen to music. Classical music, in particular, has been shown to help improve your mood, lower your blood pressure and help you sleep. You can’t cheat yourself on sleep and not have it affect you. Being tired actually makes it harder to be happy. “Sleeping on it” does improve decision making.

Let’s face it: helping other people (performing random acts of kindness) feels good. If you want to improve your life, help others improve theirs.

Optimism can make you happier, healthier and extend your life. People who are content with their life share this in common: they never, ever stop learning.

I want to leave you with this final comment: Think about someone

you’ve lost in your life whom you cared about deeply. What’s the one thing you would say to him/her if you had the chance? You’d probably tell them how much you loved them, right? Don’t take time for granted... because you never know when yours will be up.

Say I love you!

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

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## District 11 – Lisa Kraft



Oklahoma weather is a fickle thing. We were blessed with 80 and 90 degree temperatures at our Festival this year instead of temps well over 100. It made an amazing weekend even more enjoyable. Thanks to all our members, employees and their families for making our Tribal reunion and celebration a premier event in our cultural revolution. I am so lifted by the experience that I’m already thinking about next year. I was so inspired by our Citizen Potawatomi dancers in their finery that I hope to create a new dress for our 2015 Grand Entry.

I tend to think of regalia as a reflection of the person wearing it. The items you carry or wear are expressions of you and your life story. Gifts made or given in love by family or friends, an

heirloom belonging to a loved one, something you made or bought after seeing it in a 100 year old photo because it has meaning to you, and clan symbols and honors given to you to distinguish you are all ways we share ourselves through regalia. If you notice, people in line at Grand Entry are complimenting each other and listening to each other tell their stories of how they were gifted with an item or made an object. Our clothing is literally knitting us together.

My first shawl was given to me by Esther Lowden and Chairman Barrett. The large fan I carry is a gift from the Chairman that he carried for many years. He gave it to me 14 years ago when he stood on as my only family at my naming ceremony on the Prairie

Band Potawatomi reservation. My handmade belt, purse, knife, and bone digging stick are all made by my step-father, Joe Wheeler. I have worn my broadcloth or wool ribbon skirt for so long it’s hard to remember when Esther made it and Ginger Johnson made the matching shawl. My wrap-around ribbon skirt is also a winter robe that I had made for an outdoor ceremony. My collar is weighted in conchos and overlays a long-sleeve cotton blouse. Needless to say, my dress is extremely hot.

As the years go by, I tell myself I need to make new regalia so I won’t overheat after dancing in high temps or, like this year, get light headed from the humidity. I am determined to create something more comfortable in the

coming months with new colors, patterns, and material. I have another dress that I had made for my naming and my mom, Kay, made a matching shawl. My naming dress, shawl and small fan will be given to my niece, Sydney, when she wants it.

Our combined pride for our America, our Potawatomi heritage, our colors and symbols, our veterans, our ancestors, are all on display during Grand Entry. I hope that this pride will overflow with brilliant color in 2015 as more and more parents and grandparents gift their old regalia and give it new life in a younger generation.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi. Lisa Kraft (Zibikwe)  
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# EXECUTIVE COLUMNS

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## Chairman – John Barrett



Bozho Nikan,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the hard work and generosity shown by so many tribal employees and Citizen Potawatomi in working for the election of Michael Dykstra to the Shawnee City Commission. Hopefully there will be a new majority on the Commission who will vote to end the City's lawsuit against the Nation. I have never been more proud of our organization.

This election was close to a life and death issue. The City of Shawnee has said they are going to sue us for a huge amount of money. If we lose this lawsuit, many of our loyal employees will no longer have a place to work. If we lose this lawsuit, it will impact every tribe in the United States. I am so very grateful to all of you who had any part in this victory.

Please know that the point of the election to put a new majority on the Shawnee City Commission is not some kind of power grab. Our objective was and still is to get the City to drop its false claim that we are

in the City limits and subject to their tax authority. The surest way for this to be absolute is for the City Commission to de-annex our land (remove us from the City).

A member of the City Commission named Keith Hall introduced an ordinance or law to change the way the City de-annexes land. This will change the law that has been in place since 1908 and would keep the City Commission from deciding on de-annexation requests. The change Commissioner Hall proposes would require a citywide election for each and every piece of land. This is a cheap trick. They are trying to do this before those new commissioners, Michael Dykstra and Lesa Shaw, and Gary Vogel, who fairly won their June elections, are sworn into office in September. Commissioner Hall's actions would prevent the new majority in the City Commission from passing an ordinance to de-annex tribal land (which was never legally annexed in the first place).

This guy Hall is the character who arrogantly spoke to the elected leaders of all four local tribes (Kickapoo, Sac and Fox, Absentee Shawnee, and CPN) who attended the City-demanded "mediation" meeting at the Tribal Heritage Center in March. He condescendingly said to tribal representatives, "Now, we don't want to collect a tax on your beadwork or your moccasins or your bows and arrows."

At one Shawnee City Commission meeting he falsely stated CPN is attempting to seize the city's water and sewer pipes without paying for them. This is utterly false and intended to turn the town against us. We don't want their dilapidated pipe

and infrastructure for the simple fact that we have our own!

Commissioner Hall's proposed City Charter change would force anyone wanting their land de-annexed to buy the City's water and sewage pipes for \$3.5 million before the issue of de-annexation could even go on the ballot. What he fails to mention is that these pipes are more than 40 years old and rotten.

We may have to circulate a petition to remove Commissioner Hall, or Mayor Wes Mainord if they try this dirty trick. I hate to ask for an all-out effort again, but this fight is not over. The vast majority of the people and businesses of the town supports us. We will prevail because we are in the right.

I also want to address a recent letter in a local Shawnee newspaper that challenged CPN's support Michael Dykstra. Of course we did. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation made no secret of its endorsement of Michael Dykstra in the last City Commission Election. We did not choose to hide behind some bogus one-time election organization name like "Citizens to Save Shawnee." We openly supported him because he stated outright that he was knowledgeable about the federal statutes that define tribal territorial sovereignty. We supported him because he opposes the illegal attempts of the current City Commission to impose the cities' tax collection duties on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. We supported him because he knows that the City of Shawnee has no legal jurisdiction, tax or otherwise, in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's territory. Mr. Dykstra has made no promises to the CPN other than to be fair and

represent the entire City.

We also support other commissioners-elect and some currently seated commissioners for the same reasons. They, however, were not on the ballot during this most recent election cycle.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will, now and in the future, support other qualified political candidates who do not threaten spurious lawsuits, or defame its tribal customers and neighbors after they are elected. It will do so with many resources. The Nation has the internal ability in our company, FireLake Designs, to print vinyl billboard covers. We can place those on billboards we already have under annual contract for our other businesses. We have the ability to print yard signs and campaign mailers internally. We have bulk mail permits. We have 2,400 employees, many of whom, along with their spouses and family, were supporters of Michael Dykstra – with time and money. We have more than 1,600 Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members and spouses who live in Shawnee, many of whom supported Michael Dykstra – with time and money.

benefit from our \$350 million annual budget can see the sense in supporting candidates who are smart enough to advocate working in cooperation with the City's largest employer: the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Seven of every ten jobs in the City of Shawnee in the last ten years were created by, or because of, the CPN.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation did not start this tax fight. The City sent all four Indian Tribes who have tribal land near the City a letter threatening to sue us for not acting as their tax collector. The City has already spent \$200,000 of the City taxpayers' money on this lawsuit, with more to go. It has spent \$50,000 in "public relations" money to "educate" the people of Shawnee about shopping. This all took place while the City's tax collections are going up and setting new records! The main reason they are going up is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's payroll, vendor purchases, and job creation.

Hopefully, a new majority of the City Commission after September 24 will know this.

We hope the rest of the good people of Shawnee will take the time to study the issue on the Internet, or talk to a person who knows the true facts on tribal taxation and law. Great things can come of the City of Shawnee working together with its neighboring tribal governments.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,  
John Rocky Barrett/Keweoge  
(He leads them home)  
Tribal Chairman  
CitizenPotawatomi Nation

## Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



across the country and the world descend on the CPN Festival Grounds for the annual event, and our tribal employees from every enterprise and program go to great lengths to ensure things run smoothly.

In addition to thanking all Potawatomi who came to Oklahoma, I want to thank our employees for working through the weekend to help make this another successful Festival.

For three days and two nights, Citizen Potawatomi Nation provided food, drinks and many other services to members who traveled from all parts of the country. Our Potawatomi Leadership Program students, here for their summer internship with the tribe, had the opportunity to experience Festival from the point-of-view of cultural practices. They

will continue on as the summer progresses, learning how the Tribe operates. We are glad to have them here, and this class of future Potawatomi leaders are as impressive as their predecessors.

During Festival, we had our general council meeting and the tribal elections. The results: Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, District 5 Legislator Gene Lambert, District 6 Legislator Rande Payne and yours truly were all re-elected without opposition.

In District 7, Mark Johnson won over opponent Michael Bourbonnais, while in District 8, Dave Carney also retained his seat over challenger Clyde Slavin. While, by their very nature, elections cannot make everyone happy, I want to personally

thank Clyde and Michael for running. It is through participation that our Tribal government grows stronger.

Our Tribal budget was also on the ballot, and it was approved. Though not as exciting as an election between candidates, the passage of a Tribal budget keeps our programs and services running. Without the long hours and hard work done by our directors, accounting department and elected representatives, we wouldn't have the funds to accomplish anything.

It has been a challenging year for the Tribe. Our dispute with the City of Shawnee continues, yet there are signs of hope on that horizon. Our own Michael Dykstra won a seat on the City Commission alongside two other newcomers who recognize tribal sovereignty and support tribal

businesses. Hopefully we can come to some conclusion on the issue so that both local tribes and the City can get back to the important things affecting our local communities.

As always, it is an honor to serve you, and I look forward to another term as Vice-Chairman of this great Nation.

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# WALKING ON

## CPN's Gaye Tenoso, high-ranking Dept. of Justice official, walks on



Gaye Tenoso.

*Editor's note: CPN is saddened to announce the passing of Gaye Tenoso, a Ogee family member and an official at the U.S. Department of Justice overseeing Tribal Justice issues. A 2008 article in the Hownikan chronicled Tenoso's promotion to Deputy Director of the Justice Department's Tribal Justice Division. We are running that article below.*

Effective February 19, 2008, Gaye Tenoso, the daughter of Bill and Marilou Powell, was appointed a Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ). The OTJ establishes a single point of contact within the Justice Department for meeting the broad and complex federal responsibilities to all Indian tribes. The OTJ also facilitates coordination among Departmental components working on Indian issues, and provides a permanent channel of communication for Indian tribal governments with the Department of Justice. In cooperation with the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian

Affairs, the OTJ also serves to unify the federal response of other Executive Branch agencies.

Tenoso has served with the United States Justice Department in the Civil Rights Division for 22 years. She began as a Trial Attorney in the Division's Educational Opportunities Section. In 1989, she was transferred to the Voting Section. In 1999, she sat at the appellants counsel table in a case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2000, she was appointed as Special Counsel with responsibility for the Section's election monitoring program and for enforcing the language minority provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Her duties also included supervision of all the Voting Section's cases and matters arising in Indian Country.

Tenoso is on the rolls of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is a member of the Ogee clan. She is married to Don Tenoso, a Lakota Sioux. Don Tenoso is a consultant for Indian artifacts with the Smithsonian Institute. They reside in Arlington, Va.

Barnes, of McAlester; son, Randy Barnes, of McAlester; sister Connie Lou Barnes-Eggleson and her husband Steve, of Shawnee; three grandchildren, all in McAlester, Montana Hammonds and husband, J.W., Chad Waldron and Kayli Payne, and Justin Waldron; and cousins, Orville and Linda Anderson, of Vacaville, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Connie, who died in 2008; and his grandparents, John W. and Laura (Muller) Barnes.

Pallbearers were Albert Smith, Marty Isbel, Ricky Southard, Robert Gillispie, Jed Land and Randy Martin. Honorary pallbearers were Howard Gibson and Ralph Fink.



Dick Bess

Dick Bess, a longtime resident of Jackson, passed away peacefully in his home on April 10, 2014. He is survived by his daughter Deborah Gabriel, son Dan Bess and Dan's fiancé Leslee Anne.

Dick grew up in southern California, where he loved to race motorcycles. Without a car in high school, Dick would ride his motorcycle everywhere, even on dates with his sweetheart Dian. Dick would park his motorcycle

### C.W. Barnes Jr.

C.W. Barnes Jr., 76, of McAlester, died Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services were held April 18 at Brumley-Mills Chapel. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery. Military honors were provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1098 of McAlester. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Brumley-Mills Funeral Home of McAlester.

Born Jan. 11, 1938, in Shawnee, he was the son of Clarence W. and Ethel Louise (Hughes) Barnes Sr. He grew up in Shawnee until he joined the United States Army.

He married Connie Marie Ruffiato in 1960 and made their home in McAlester. He worked at Brown Distribution Company for several years, eventually as the manager. He also had worked in the oil and gas fields, at the U.S. Army Ammunition Plant and as a correctional officer at Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

He enjoyed fishing, camping and Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and was a member of the Knights Car Club of Shawnee.

Survivors include his daughter, Tish

around the corner from Dian's house, gather her up and away they went. As you can imagine, Dian's mom Irene thought Dick was a rebel.

Dick had a passion for the outdoors and grew up hunting and fishing with his father Tom. Dick also was known to travel the world, hunting big game in Africa, Alaska, Australia and the Northwest Territories.

In high school, Dick took flying lessons at the Santa Monica Airport with his sister Peggy. He loved to fly airplanes and once had a chance to fly the world famous "Crazy Horse" P51 Mustang. "The finest plane I ever flew."

In 1948, Dick joined the Air Force as a jet mechanic and was stationed in Louisiana. Dian joined him in 1951, where they were married and planned to start a family. Returning to southern California, Dick and Dian soon realized that California was growing too fast and they wanted to raise their children in a better environment. After returning from an elk hunt in Jackson in 1962, Dick had an opportunity to purchase a portion of a guest ranch and hunting outfit 16 miles south of Jackson. With true grit and determination, the family created the "Spotted Horse Ranch." Dick's reputation as an outfitter and outdoorsman was highly regarded.

With his loving wife Dian by his side, their life on the ranch lasted 40 years. Many lifelong friendships were created along with countless memories that will not be forgotten.

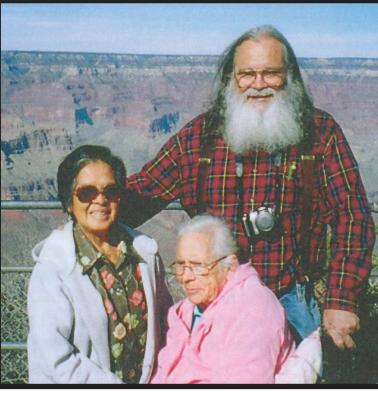


Dan Michael Gourley

Larry B. Brice age 58, passed away Sunday May 4, 2014 of Romeoville, IL formerly of Chicago, IL.

He is survived by his loving parents Robert Sr. and Lorraine Brice; siblings Deborah (Pete) Brice-Karnas, Sharon (Chester) Lee, Anthony (Deanna) Brice, Michael Brice, Catherine (Michael) Radakovich, Barbara (Rich) Johnson and Roy (Tracy) Brice; nieces and nephews Michael (Anna) Karnas, Anthony (Janelle) Karnas, Kristina Gallas, Anthony Brice II, Daniel Brice, Matthew Brice, Jonathon Radakovich, Elijah Radakovich, Olivia Radakovich, Arianna Radakovich, Steven Brice, Nicole Brice, Alyssa Brice, Richard Johnson, Jason Johnson and Nathan Brice.

He is preceded in death by a brother Robert Brice Jr. Visitation was at the Anderson Memorial Home, 21131 W. Renwick Rd. in Crest Hill, IL 60403. The funeral was Wednesday May 7, 2014 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home chapel to St. Andrew Catholic Church for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville, IL.



Dan Michael Gourley

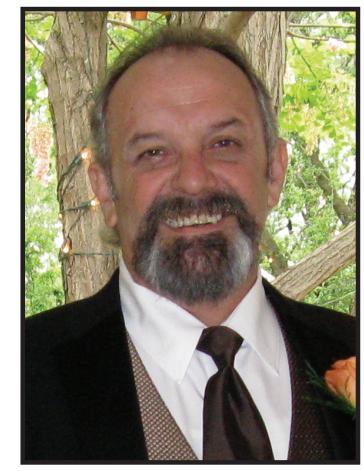
One of our tribe has made the journey to be with his Maker. Dan Michael Gourley was born on August 22, 1941 at Lawton Indian Hospital in Lawton, Okla. to L.C. Gourley and Edna Jane (Reynolds) Gourley. Danny passed from this earth on March 25, 2014 at Paradise Valley Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. Dan was a proud tribal member of the Potawatomi and Chickasaw Nations.

Dan was a highly intelligent man throughout his academic career. Some of his educational opportunities and teaching fellowships includes Seminole High School, M.I.T., Harvard, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Texas, the University of California Berkley and San Francisco City College.

After he retired from teaching and passing on his fruitful knowledge on to the San Francisco City school system as a computer consultant and the city of Pasadena, Dan continued to live his life to the fullest while figuring out the many mysteries of the world. Dan was a man of many talents and was loved and respected by many.

Dan leaves behind an aunt and uncle, Lucille and Dan Reynolds of Letha, Okla. Many cousins, including Andrea, Danelle, Danette, Lynn, Diana, Gary, Karen and Bob, Kim and Leeland, Richard and Tom, Babette, B.J. plus many special friends, Bruce Halverson, David Boren, Connie Zamora, Norma Tiger, Oliva Verdan, Rusty Carpitcher, Jeremy Johnson, Barbara Price, Beverly Price and Donnie and Judy Carter.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date and this publication will be notified of the time of the memorial service. You may send a message to the family in care of Gary Reynolds at tarzanokie@sbcglobal.net.



Anthony Wade Houston

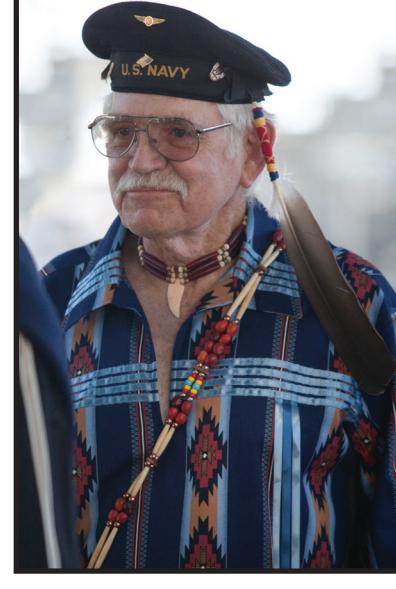
On May 17, 2014, Anthony Wade Houston lost his battle with cancer. He died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. He was 55 years old.

Wade was a free spirit who loved the open road, whether he was behind the wheel of a big rig on a cross-country trucking run or riding through the open air on his Harley. At the same time, he was grounded in his love for his family and friends. He served as a caregiver, a sympathetic ear, and life of the BBQ, where he could always be found manning the grill and watching over his perfectly seasoned ribs. He was an easy man to know because he was authentic, never pretending to be anyone other than himself. He loved strong coffee, loud music, fast cars, and airplanes. He followed NASCAR and enjoyed trips to the Reno air races. A fan of the Giants and Raiders, he also stayed true to his family's Oklahoma roots and cheered for the Sooners. He had a soft spot for animals, especially dogs, and always treated them as members of the family. Behind his lighthearted nature and broad smile was a loyal and protective friend, brother, father, uncle, and son.

Wade was quick to laugh, and his laughter was always genuine. That was his gift to the people he knew. His laughter taught us not to take ourselves too seriously. It reminded us that life, for all its pain, is good. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Houston, and is survived by his children, Jennifer Baker and Rebecca VanVianen; grandchildren, Tyler, Molly, Dylan, and Logan; siblings, Terry Houston and Vicki Isgrigg; father, Duane Houston; girlfriend, Marcie Mediati, and the family dog, Boomer.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.



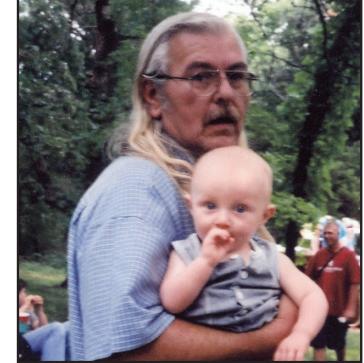
Eldridge LeeRoy Higgins

Walking on to be with his Creator and Savior on April 13, 2014, Eldridge LeeRoy "E.L." Higgins, age 78, is survived by a large and loving family that was his pride and joy. He left a rich legacy with his wife Carol Ann Higgins, brother Jerry Eugene Higgins, their children Mark Edward Higgins and his wife Susan Denise, James Vern Higgins and his wife Karen Elaine, Kerri Leann Higgins Simpson and her husband David Vernis, grandchildren Michael Lee and Ashlea Higgins, Alison Leigh and Stuart Blalock, Stephanie Elaine Higgins, Emily Ann and Dustin Moore, and Katie Elizabeth Higgins, Molly Jo Simpson, and Sarah Nicole Higgins, and great-grandchildren Kelsey Leigh Blalock and Elijah David Moore.

"Nigani Gete Bsheke," meaning Elder Lead Buffalo, was the name bestowed on him by his tribal brothers; no more appropriate name could be presented to this man who knew no greater blessing in life than his family. He took pride in his Native American heritage and loved the tribe as the extended family that it is.

E.L. served proudly as an Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class in the US Navy from 1953-1957, serving as a flight engineer on a PBY sea plane. He was a hardworking man who instilled a strong work ethic and commitment to family by example to all who knew him.

The memorial service for E.L. was held at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Festival Grounds, North Reunion Hall at 1600 Gordon Cooper in Shawnee, Okla. on April 19, 2014.



Ronald Allen Norvelle

Ronald Allen Norvelle, 62, died on May 3, 2014. He was born in Oklahoma City, March 3, 1952, to Ruth and Richard Norvelle. His grandparents were Anna and Walter Battese, and he was nephew to Marjorie and Le Roy Neddeau.

Ronald is survived by his sons, Richard Norvelle and wife Danielle, and Darrell Norvelle and his wife Danielle; and seven beloved grandchildren. Also his brother Duane Evans and wife Betsy of Lawrence, Kan., sister Kaye Coffey of Norman, Okla., and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Richard Norvelle, and sisters, Mary Pack and Karen Lunsford.

His family wishes to thank all of the doctors and nurses at Mercy Hospital for their care during his time of illness. Despite his physical condition Ronald cherished his moments with his grandchildren. He lived each day just so he could spend just a little more time with them.

Ronald's love for life and endurance during times of suffering made him a hero to many, especially his family. He touched many lives with his kindness, generosity and humor. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial reunion for Ronald Norvelle was held on May 24th with his family in Noble, Okla.

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